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Beirut ex-envoy appeals to U.S. to help Lebanon

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16—Dr. Charles Malik, former Lebanese ambassador and president of the U.N. General Assembly, Wednesday said most Lebanese Christians oppose partition of their country, and he appealed to the United States to help preserve Lebanon as a "free, open and pluralist society."

Speaking before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Near East, Malik rejected partition of Lebanon as an "extreme" solution. At the same time, he opposed "a slavish, unimaginative return" to the old political system in Lebanon, which he said "in many respects has demonstrated its bankruptcy."

Malik told the Senate panel he favored a "middle road" which rejects the destruction of Lebanese unity as well as destruction of the country's "uniqueness."

Malik warned the various religious communities in Lebanon to avoid "radicalization."

He said: "The importance of a free, open, contented, unradicalized and peaceful Lebanon to the security and stability of the Middle East cannot be exaggerated."

The Lebanese statesman warned: "Upset the balanced character and the balancing role of Lebanon, and you will upset the whole Middle East."

The "fundamental" political changes needed in Lebanon cannot be introduced "while there are non-Lebanese armed forces on Lebanese soil," Malik said, adding that "this would violate the freedom and sovereignty of Lebanon."

He urged that the authority

Nazer outlines 3rd development plan

JEDDAH, Aug. 16—Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer says that what the Kingdom needs now is "human beings who can build."

In an exclusive 75-minute interview published Thursday in "Ashraq Al-Aswat" and "Saudi Business", Nazer hints at a new strategy that will not repeat what he calls the "mistakes" of the two previous five-year plans in estimating Saudi Arabia's need for foreign workers.

Nevertheless, he pays tribute to the current plan in creating an infrastructure for the Kingdom. "Saudi Arabia," he said, "is in a better position than...some of the countries of Europe."

But he warned that using that infrastructure to move the country away from reliance on oil exports and toward industrial power will be a long process that will not be completed even by 1990.

Sheikh Hisham said that government expenditure would of course have to be increased, but he scotched rumors that the Kingdom is entering a phase of budget deficit.

Inflation, he said, is an ever-present danger, but government efforts had reduced it to "under 10 per cent."

Nazer was almost as con-



Sheikh Hisham Nazer, planning minister, outlined the development of Saudi society with the development of Saudi industry. We must tell our children, he said, that the only way life becomes worthwhile is through toil.

Hussein holds discussions with Riad on Arab solidarity

AMMAN, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—King Hussein and Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad Wednesday discussed ways to restore Arab solidarity.

Riad arrived from Damascus earlier Wednesday on the third leg of a tour, which will also take him to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Sudan.

The chief of the Royal Cabinet, Sharif Abdul-Hamim Sharaf and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim attended Wednesday's talks.

Riad was quoted by the Jordan News Agency as saying on arrival that his tour aimed at discussing the current Arab situation and the subjects to be raised at next month's meeting of the Arab League Council.

Cyprus defers execution of convicted Palestinians

NICOSIA, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—The Cyprus Supreme Court Wednesday deferred until Sept. 30 the execution of two Palestinians convicted of murdering a leading Egyptian newspaper editor in Nicosia last February.

The two men, Samir Muhammad Khaddar, 28, and Sayid Hussein Ali, 26, had been due to hang on Aug. 22 after the court last month dismissed their appeal against conviction.

Their defense lawyer Lefcos Clerides has petitioned Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou to commute the sentence, but Kyprianou is at present in Greece and is not due home at least until Saturday.

The court granted Wednesday's stay of execution in order to give the president time to consider the petition. The attorney-general's office offered no objection to the delay.

In appealing for the new stay, the defense lawyer argued that if Kyprianou rejected his mercy plea, additional time would be needed to prepare a new appeal to the high court on the ground that, since no one had been executed in Cyprus for the last 16 years, the death sentence had been abolished in fact, if not by law.

The two Palestinians, were convicted of the premeditated murder of Youssef Sibaci, editor of the influential Cairo daily "Al-Ahram" and a close friend of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel here on Feb. 18.

After the shooting, the two men took 12 hostages and commandeered a Cyprus Airways plane. A bid by Egyptian commandos to free the hostages at Cyprus's Larnaca airport led to a shoot-out with Cypriot security forces in which 15 Egyptians died.

Khaddar and Ali were sentenced to death on April 4 and their appeal against conviction was turned down on July 31.

Iran implicates Palestinians in new wave of disturbances

TEHRAN, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—Iran Wednesday accused Palestinian extremists of backing and financing the recent disturbances in Iran.

Information Minister Darioush Homayoun told a press conference extremists in Iran were making contact with groups belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and added: "A lot of money is exchanged."

Asked whether the PLO was among groups instigating the riots, Homayoun replied: "Yes, they are." He did not elaborate but he said the agitators had considerable arms, money and transport available.

It was the first official allegation of Palestinian encouragement for anti-government agitators who have launched three waves of bloody rioting this year in which at least 45 people have died.

There were small disturbances in the capital Wednesday. Troops—some with bayonets fixed—patrolled the entrance to the main Bazaar when shopkeepers downed shutters, apparently to protest against 15 deaths officially confirmed in riots which flared last Thursday in provincial towns.

Homayoun said most shopkeepers closed down for fear of reprisals, not as a protest. He confirmed there had been a minor incident in the Bazaar, but denied rumors that teargas had been used.

Troops were helping police tackle riots where necessary, he said. But the overall situation was not serious, and the government was not considering any new declarations of martial law at present.

Isfahan, Iran's second biggest city where riots erupted late last week, was clamped

Meets aides Carter seeks halt to dollar decline

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—President Jimmy Carter Wednesday expressed "deep concern" over the decline of the U.S. dollar abroad and called for recommendations for action from his top financial advisers.

Carter, in a statement issued at the White House, said he had been discussing the matter with Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and with William Miller, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

"The sharp decline in the dollar and disorderly market conditions, at a time when the U.S. trade position is showing signs of real improvement, could threaten progress toward dealing with our inflation and achieving orderly growth at home and abroad," the statement said.

Carter said he had been meeting with Miller and Blumenthal "in the light of his deep concern over developments in foreign exchange markets in recent days."

"In the light of these circumstances, the president requested the secretary and the chairman to consider what actions might be appropriate on their part and to recommend any future actions on his part to deal with the situation," the statement said.

The statement was the first from the White House in weeks on the plight of the dollar, which in the past year has lost more than 30 per cent in value against the Japanese yen, 33 per cent against the Swiss franc and 15 per cent against the German mark.

The decline in the dollar has pushed up prices of imported goods from those countries, such as autos, steel and electronics equipment, which has worsened the nation's inflation rate at a time when the administration is trying to find ways to control rising prices.

It was not clear what kind of measures the administration would take to stop the fall in the dollar. One possibility would be to step up intervention in markets to buy dollars with foreign currencies to create demand and thus prop up the price.

The administration has been reluctant to intervene in this manner, however, except when the markets have clearly been disorderly, a term used to describe a situation when there is a sudden rush to sell dollars

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Eritrean leader says no Cubans, Russians encountered in battle

DAMASCUS, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—An Eritrean guerrilla leader said Wednesday Eritrean rebels had not yet encountered any Soviet or Cuban soldier while fighting Eritrean government troops.

Bui Ahman Nasser, head of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), told a news conference there have been contacts between the rebels and Soviet and Cuban leaders.

"We explained to them our attitude or advocating direct and unconditional negotiations to find a peaceful solution to the Eritrean-Ethiopian conflict," he said.

Nasser said Soviet leaders were opposed to an escalation of fighting by the Eritreans and preferred negotiations to settle the matter.

The Eritrean guerrilla movement had not asked for any mediation in its conflict with the Ethiopian rulers, he added. But it was always in touch with what he called "national and progressive forces" in various countries.

Meanwhile in Rome, an Ethiopian embassy spokesman

Monarch cables Kyprianou

RIYADH, Aug. 16 (SPA)—King Khaled Wednesday cabled his congratulations to the president and people of Cyprus on the occasion of the country's independence day.

In his telegram to President Spyros Kyprianou, King Khaled said: "On behalf of the Saudi people and Government and on my personal behalf, I have the honor to wish Your Excellency health and happiness and the friendly people of Cyprus further progress and success, on the occasion of your country's independence day."

Ethiopian tank and destroyed three others, he added.

Keren is the last bastion remaining in the hands of the EPLF, which has lost three towns to government troops aided by modern Soviet weaponry, in the current offensive.

A second guerrilla group, the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), has lost all four towns it once controlled.

The Ethiopian Embassy spokesman said Wednesday that Asmara, which had been supplied for many months by an airlift, was now receiving arms and food by truck convoys along a recently recaptured road from Addis Ababa.

The ELF spokesman in Rome denied the Ethiopian statement about Asmara.

The embassy spokesman said government forces had been unable so far to clear the strategic highway linking Asmara with Eritrea's Red Sea port of Massawa. "This road is now being cleared," he said. He repeated an Ethiopian claim, denied by the EPLF, that Massawa airport has been re-

Kuwait aide concludes oil talks with Yamani

KUWAIT, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah returned home Wednesday from a one-day visit to Saudi Arabia and immediately reported to Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah on his talks with Saudi leaders.

Sheikh Ali's trip to the Saudi summer resort of Taif, where he met Crown Prince Fahd and Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, was connected with bilateral relations, particularly coordinating oil policy between the two Arab neighboring states, officials said.

He brought a message from Prince Fahd to Sheikh Saad in reply to one he had delivered Tuesday night, the sources said. They declined to give further details.

Sheikh Ali, the current OPEC president, also heads a committee set up by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to find ways of protecting the oil exporters' revenues against losses resulting from the continued slump in the value of the U.S. dollar.

Informed sources in Kuwait said last week he was contacted by colleagues in the 13-member organization on whether to hold an extraordinary ministerial meeting to see what measures might be taken to end the losses.

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IDB, IFAD draft agreement approved

JEDDAH, Aug. 16 (SPA)—A draft agreement between the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Rome-based International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was approved here Wednesday.

The draft will be submitted to the IDB Council of Execu-

tive Directors which will convene in September and to the Fund's executive board which will meet in Rome in October.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali conferred Wednesday with IFAD Chairman Abdul Mohsen Al-Sudairi, who arrived Tuesday evening on a short visit.

They reviewed the provisions of the accord and approved them.

The agreement calls for co-operation in the financing of agricultural projects in countries which are members of both organizations, and for technical cooperation between the two bodies.

Sudairi told newsmen he highly appreciated the role played by the Saudi government in setting up IFAD in June 1976 as one of the U.N.'s specialized agencies.

He highlighted the importance of Saudi Arabia's activity in both regional and international levels.

He said that Saudi Arabia's assistance in the IFAD project truly reflected its constructive policies.

The \$1 billion Fund, he said will finance seven major agricultural projects this year at an estimated cost of \$100 million.

It will also pay for other projects, at a later stage.

Islamic U orders new appointments

RIYADH, Aug. 16 (SPA)—Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, vice-chancellor of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, has ordered the appointment of all graduates referred by the Civil Service Department to work as research scholars in the university and teachers and administrative officials at affiliated institutes.

Meanwhile, the graduates have been asked to call at the university office as soon as possible for the completion of formalities.

Riyadh water body views supplies

RIYADH, Aug. 16 (SPA)—The board of Riyadh Water and Sewage Department convened Tuesday evening under Governor Prince Salman for a review of present and future water supplies.

The director of the Department, Omran Al-Omran, said that the board was briefed by Abdullah Al-Falqa, deputy minister of agriculture and water, on the issue and approved the appointment of a number of engineers and management staff with academic degrees.

The board approved the draft budget of the department as well as the statement of account of the outgoing year, he added.

Taif private real estate surveyed

TAIF, Aug. 16 (SPA)—According to the King's instructions, Taif municipality is conducting a comprehensive survey of private real estate before replanning the area into a summer resort implementing a number of state projects.

Mayor Omar Al-Saab said that among those projects are the construction of a rain water drainage canal, street surfacing, lighting and sidewalk construction.



PALMS: Date palms in Wadi Fattima, east of Jeddah.

For London

Sanaa leader leaves

JEDDAH, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—North Yemen's Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani left here Wednesday for London after performing the minor pilgrimage.

The Yemeni premier was seen off by the Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol, Salem Sumbul, the North Yemeni ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and a Royal Protocol official.

Tuesday night, Sanaa Radio said Abdul Ghani will also visit the United States.

The prime minister, a graduate in economics from Colorado College, Colorado Springs, will receive an honorary doctorate of humanitarian sciences from the college for his efforts in political and economic fields in North Yemen.

Radio Sanaa quoted him as saying before his departure Tuesday that his government's policy towards "the rulers of Aden, who have killed the late President Ahmad Hussein Ghassmi, has not changed."

E. Province charity ready for donations

DAMMAM, Aug. 16 (SPA)—The Philanthropic Society of the Eastern Province has announced it is ready to accept and distribute donations.

The society's secretary-general, Mastour ibn Ali, said that this measure had been taken at the directive of Prince Abdul Mohsin ibn Jalawi, governor of the Eastern Province. The society has its own ways of finding those in need of charity, he added.

King orders Kar to Mecca road built

TAIF, Aug. 16 (SPA)—King Khaled Tuesday approved Crown Prince Fahd's suggestion of building a dual-carriage highway from Kar to Mecca for pilgrims.

He ordered Minister of Communication Sheikh Hussein Mansouri to submit plans for the project urgently.

The minister issued a statement Wednesday hailing the King's approval.

He said the highway would be part of an integrated land communications network covering all Saudi Arabia.

The King and Crown Prince, he added, had ordered the main road from Dammam to Jeddah and Medina to be a dual-carriageway.

Planning for that project was already under way at the ministry, while work had started in implementing the Taif, Jeddah, Mecca road and the Riyadh to Al-Filaj projects.

Mansouri Wednesday also signed two contracts worth a total SR6,173,260 for the construction of road links between Araqa, Riyadh and Al-Raghib, leaving from the Al-Dolom road at Al-Kharj.

The first contract calls for

the construction of a connection starting from the end of Araqa road and ending at the Araqa Dam, over four kilometers.

The second provides for the construction of the Al-Raghib connection, branching out from the Al-Dolom road and Wadi Al-Dawaser and leading to the

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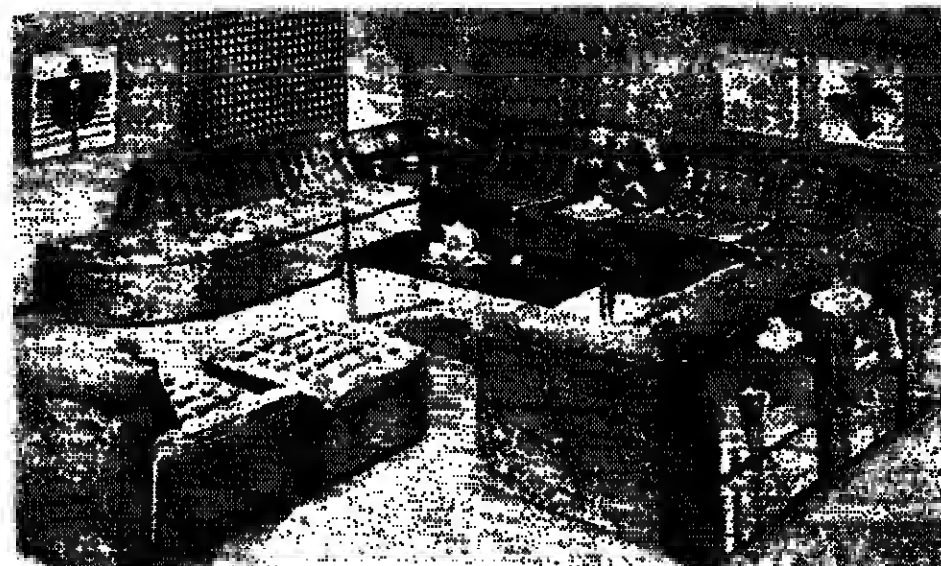
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West German guerrilla said hiding in Israel

PARIS, Aug. 16 (Agencies)—A West German urban guerrilla sought both by his comrades and by police is hiding out in an Israeli kibbutz (communal farm), a French newspaper said Wednesday.

The daily "L'Aurore" said Hans-Joachim Klein once hunted is being protected by the Israeli secret services in exchange for information on

guerrilla training. Klein earlier this month spoke to the West German magazine "Der Spiegel" at what was described only as a secret hideout.

The "Aurore" story, by the newspaper's espionage specialist Philippe Bernert, said Klein sought protection from the revenge of former extreme leftist colleagues after helping to thwart attacks on leading

Jews in Berlin and Frankfurt. The Israelis gave him a new identity and brought him to a well-protected kibbutz in the Negev Desert, the paper said.

"Aurore" said Klein was half-Jewish and could take advantage of Israeli immigration laws. Klein became internationally known when he was wounded in the December, 1975,

Greece cautiously accepts lifting arms ban on Turkey

ATHENS, Aug. 16 (R)—Greece has cautiously accepted the conditional lifting of an American arms embargo imposed on Turkey after its invasion of Cyprus in 1974.

A joint congressional committee in Washington Tuesday decided to lift the embargo, provided President Carter certified that Turkey was acting in good faith to work for a just settlement of the Cyprus problem.

A statement issued by the Greek government late Tuesday night said the congressional decision meant the United States would constantly watch progress toward a solution.

The statement also praised the congressional provision that the U.S. would oppose any attempt to solve Greek-Turkish disputes by force or threat of force.

An authoritative source said the conditional lifting of the embargo may force Turkey to make some concessions on troubled Cyprus, bitterly divided between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities.

The source said Greek officials saw the U.S. provision to oppose force in settling disputes between Greece and Turkey as a warning to Ankara. Greek officials had always advocated that disputes with Turkey be resolved by peaceful

means, the source added.

Apart from differences over the future of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey are at loggerheads over territorial rights and airspace in the Aegean Sea.

Repeated meetings between experts of the two countries have so far failed to produce concrete results.

Libya expels 450 Egyptians

CAIRO, Aug. 16 (UPI)—Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi has expelled 450 Egyptians working in Libya as part of a plan to embarrass Egypt and "divert attention" from the Camp David summit talks on Middle East peace, the newspaper "al Gomhuria" said Wednesday.

It said 370 of those expelled arrived in Alexandria Tuesday by ship from Greece and the remaining 80 were still in that country awaiting transportation home.

It quoted some returnees as saying Qaddafi is "planning to deport a number of Egyptians to Mediterranean ports in order to embarrass Egyptian authorities and divert attention from the Camp David summit."

The summit grouping President Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat is scheduled to open Sept. 5. Its aim is to break the deadlock in negotiations between Egypt and Israel and seek a framework for a Middle East peace agreement.

Libya, which has been feuding with Egypt since 1973, is strongly opposed to the peace effort. Egypt broke off relations with Libya and four other hardline Arab countries shortly after Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last November.

About 200,000 Egyptians are employed in Libya. Several thousand were expelled in the last two years.

Israeli consumer index rises

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16 (AP)—The consumer price index rose 2.4 per cent in July, 1978, reaching 199.1 points, the Israel government bureau of statistics has announced. The increase for June was 2.0 per cent.

The index is based on a 1976 figure of 100, and is not seasonally adjusted.

A bureau spokesman said the July increase was the greatest rise in the price index for July in 25 years, with the exception of July 1976, when a 12 per cent value added tax was enacted.

The greatest increase was in car and housing costs, according to the report. Autos were up 12.5 per cent, an increase of about \$1100, for a medium sized vehicle.

The housing cost index was up 3 per cent. In the first half of this year, apartment costs were up more than 30 per cent over the same period in 1977.

Tunisian court incompetent to try 101 trade unionists

TUNIS, Aug. 16 (R)—A court trying 101 trade unionists alleged to have taken part in riots last January has declared itself incompetent to raise the charges against them.

The appeal court at Sousse, a coastal town east of Tunis, ruled Tuesday the charges fell under section 72 of the penal code relating to national security, and said the case should

be tried by the court of state security.

Thirty-nine of the trade unionists are charged with incitement to riot and to form armed bands with the aim of pillaging state property.

They are also charged with carrying arms and ammunition and with distributing weapons.

The charges carry a maximum sentence of death.

The 62 others are charged with possessing and carrying weapons and with disturbing public order.

M.E. Briefs

●MOSCOW: A Soviet navy squadron will make an official visit to Aden on Sunday. Tass news agency said Wednesday.

●BAHRAIN: Foreign ministry sources Wednesday denied reports that Bahrain was likely to establish diplomatic relations with China soon.

The sources were commenting on a report in the Bahrain English-language "Gulf Daily News" that Bahrain was the most likely Middle East candidate to follow the Libyan Jamahiriyyah and Oman in establishing relations with China.

●SANAA: North Yemen has charged that South Yemeni naval units crossed into its territorial waters twice in two days. A foreign ministry spokesman said Tuesday night that the latest incident took place Tuesday and warned that any further trespassing by North Yemeni waters would "create a serious situation in the area."

●ABU DHABI: Sudan Wednesday obtained a \$7.3 million three-year loan from the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund for balance of payment support, officials at the fund said here.

China agrees to build projects in North Yemen

SANAA, Aug. 16 (R)—China has agreed to implement a number of projects in North Yemen's five-year plan under an agreement signed here Tuesday, government sources said.

Among the projects to be built are the construction of a cotton textile factory — the second to be set up by the Chinese — and a cotton oil seed plant in the Red Sea port of Hodeidah.

The first cotton textile factory was built by China in Sanaa about 14 years ago and processes cotton grown in North Yemen.

Under the agreement signed by the Foreign Minister Abdullah Asnag and the Chinese ambassador in Sanaa, China will also build a hospital and a clinic and reclaim agricultural land in the Hajj area in the north.

The Chinese have also un-

dertaken to build a 90 kilometer (55 miles) road between Amran and Hajja some 158 kilometers (93 miles) north of Sanaa, the sources said.

This will be the third road constructed by the Chinese in North Yemen. They have already built the 250-kilometer (155 miles) road between Hodeidah and Sanaa and the 285-kilometer (180 miles) highway between Sanaa and Saada in the north.

Speaking at the signing ceremony Asnag expressed his country's appreciation of China's aid and praised relations between Sanaa and Peking.

Under the current five-year plan, launched in June last year, North Yemen will spend some 16 billion rials (about \$3.4 billion). The bulk of the costs will be financed by Saudi Arabia, Arab and foreign countries and companies.

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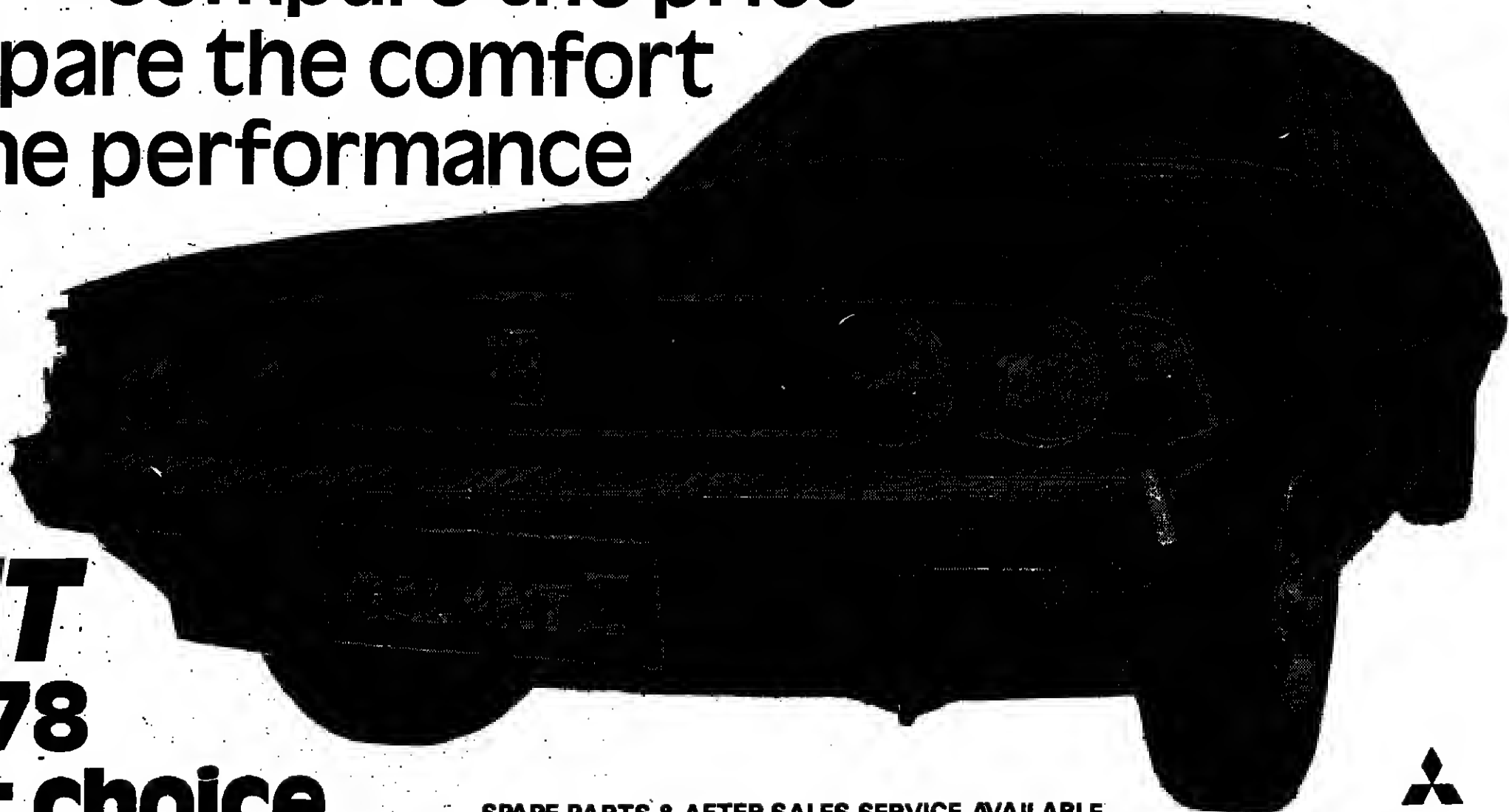
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Looting reported

Power loss hits Memphis as city's woes intensify

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Aug. 16 (Agencies) — Vandals threw the switches in a power substation, officials said, plunging Memphis and Shelby County into darkness early Wednesday and adding to the woes of Tennessee's largest city where policemen and firemen are on strike. There were reports of isolated instances of looting.

The power outage occurred shortly after midnight, knocking out electricity completely in the West Tennessee county on a muggy, 80-degree night. Power began coming back on in parts of the city within 90 minutes.

There was no immediate word of any arrests in connection with the vandalism at the substation east of Memphis.

Memphis International Airport was operating on standby power.

Meanwhile, the president of the Memphis AFL-CIO Labor Council said he will call for a city-wide strike next Monday

unless there is progress toward a settlement of strikes by police and fire unions.

"If the city isn't negotiating and moving toward trying to settle this...I will encourage all union people in this city not to go to work for an indefinite period of time and not to purchase anything in the city of Memphis," he added.

The strike has put a damper on Elvis Presley memorial observances and threatened to disrupt the reopening of schools Thursday.

With Wednesday the first anniversary of Presley's death, the rock 'n' roll idol's Uncle Vester said only about 4,000 people had visited his burial site at Graceland mansion on Monday, instead of the 20,000 who had been expected before the strike.

About 50 fans spent the night on the mansion grounds because they were still there when the curfew went into effect. At least seven persons were

arrested in the looting, which took place at liquor stores and small shops. National Guard troops, already on duty for the strikes, were dispatched to the county jail to beef up security.

Mayor Wyeth Chandler had been able to maintain calm the previous nights by imposing a dusk-to-dawn curfew. Some pickets have been arrested each night when they refused to disband by the 8 p.m. deadline.

On Tuesday, Chandler modified his no-negotiations stance and offered in place the strikers' wage demands on a November ballot, giving voters a chance to pay for the settlement with a sales tax hike. The strikers rejected the idea and called for binding arbitration.

Police Director E. Winslow Chapman said at a pre-dawn news conference that the black-out was "probably due to sabotage." The FBI was assisting investigators of the sabotage at the Memphis Light and Gas Company.

The fire and police officers were the only two of the city's 13 municipal unions to reject recent pay offers, although other union leaders threatened that the strike could extend to all unionized city workers.

Almost all garbage in Memphis was left lying as rubbish collectors refused to cross picket lines set up by strikers at sanitation department garages.

Senior officers carrying out police functions have been enjoying something of a moratorium on crime since the emergency.

'Mr. Cupid' gets mixed reception

LONDON, Aug. 16 (AP) — A plan to appoint a government minister for marriage to help preserve family life in Britain where one marriage in three ends in divorce won a mixed reception Wednesday.

The plan by a Home Office working party, which says the proposed minister dubbed "Mr. Cupid," should coordinate the work of groups responsible for marriage guidance and research into why families break up.

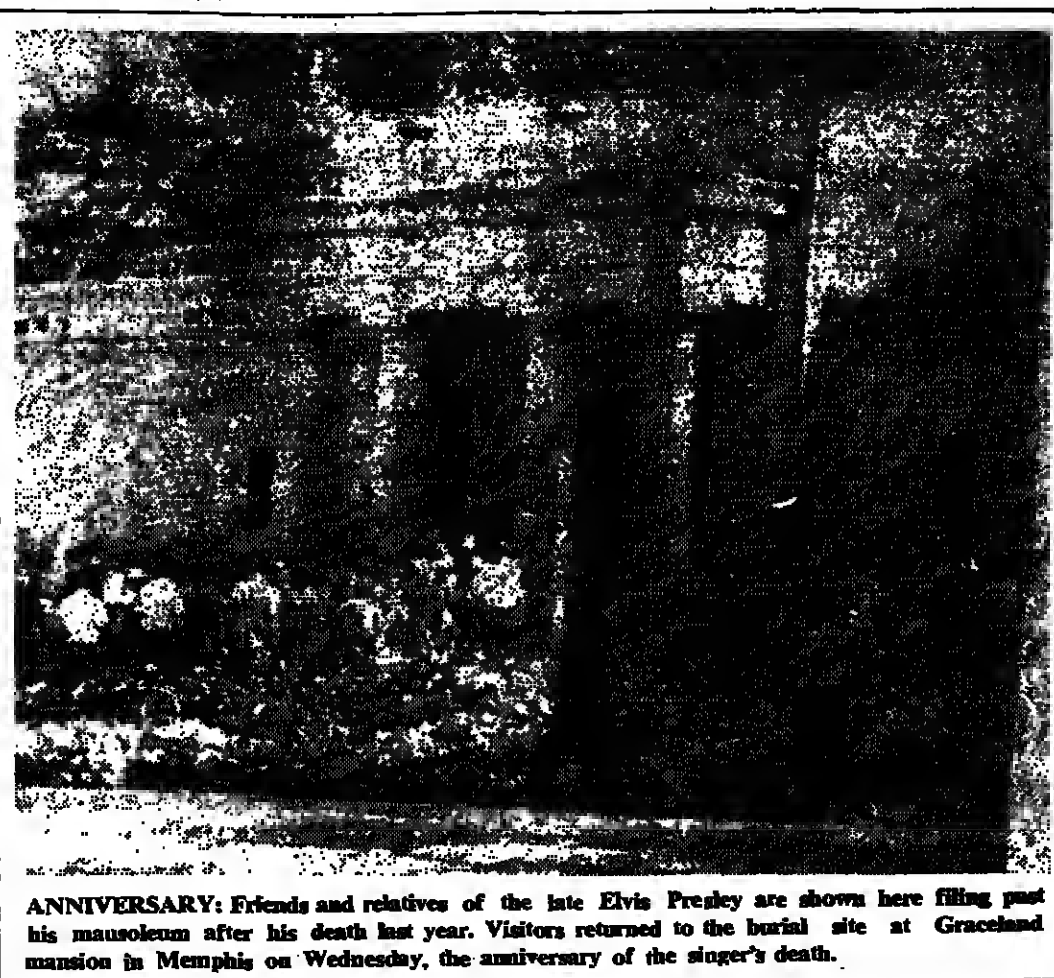
A minister responsible for coordinating and developing all the state help available can only be a blessing," said the mass-circulation tabloid, which backs the ruling Labor Party. The Home Office pays out grants totalling 500,000 pounds (\$990,000) a year to five separate independent marriage counseling organizations.

Publication of the working party's consultative document, "Marriage Matters," is not expected until October. But advanced details of the report were revealed Tuesday.

A Home Office official said: "One of the suggestions is for the marriage, and the report is being considered now."

The plan says "Mr. Cupid" should be a junior minister in the Home Office or the Department of Health and Social Security.

Among those who welcomed it was Dr. Jacobus Domioan, a psychiatrist who heads the marriage research center at London's Middlesex Hospital.



ANNIVERSARY: Friends and relatives of the late Elvis Presley are shown here filing past his mausoleum after his death last year. Visitors returned to the burial site at Graceland mansion in Memphis on Wednesday, the anniversary of the singer's death.

U.S. said ready to release \$26 million in aid to Zaire

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) — The Carter administration has decided to release \$26 million in aid to Zaire that had been withheld, the "Washington Post" reported Wednesday.

But the State Department said it knew nothing about any such decision.

The "Post" said the decision to resume aid to Zaire was made by the State Department recently. It said \$18 million in food aid and \$8 million in security support assistance would be released.

The decision was made after Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko made "substantial progress and good faith efforts" to meet U.S. and Western European conditions in settling differences with Angola, the newspaper quoted unnamed State Department officials as saying.

While there have been no similar decisions to release aid for Angola, the "Post" quoted officials as saying that government had been informed of American approval of its recent actions. There was the possibility of aid in the future.

The Zaire Foreign Ministry announced Wednesday that Mobutu has invited Angolan President Agostinho Neto to pay an official visit to Kinshasa to seal their reconciliation.

An official communique said Mobutu addressed the invitation to his "brother" Neto to "make a friendly 48-hour visit to Kinshasa starting this Saturday Aug. 19."

The ministry said Neto has accepted the invitation. Zaire and Angola agreed to establish diplomatic relations July 29 and have since exchanged charges d'affaires.

They had been feuding since the Angolan war, when Zaire backed pro-Western movements

fighting Neto's Marxist Popular movement for the Liberation of Angola to gain control of the former Portuguese colony. Zaire later accused the regime in Luanda of aiding rebels that attacked Shaba in 1977 and in May this year.

The reconciliation was the result of mediation by the People's Republic of the Congo and major differences were apparently ironed out during two week-ends of talks in the Congolese capital of Brazzaville.

Nations urged to accept more fleeing refugees

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) — The United States and other nations must agree to take in more families fleeing from communist regimes in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos; a House of Representatives subcommittee has been told.

"It's a problem that won't go away," Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers and a member of the Citizens Commission on Indo-Chinese Refugees, said Tuesday. "We need a long-term commitment on an international basis."

Robert Oakley, a State Department official, termed it an "urgent humanitarian problem."

He said there were 24,000 boat refugees in Asian camps, most of them in Malaysia, and nearly 114,000 who escaped by land routes to Thailand.

Both testified before a subcommittee of the House International Relations Committee. Shanker said refugee camps he saw on a recent visit to Thailand were "bursting at the seams."

Shanker urged the House to pass a Senate-enacted resolution allowing the United States to admit 100,000 Cambodians, and he suggested holding an international conference to try to persuade other nations to open their borders to the refugees.

Oakley said that the continued presence of so many refugees in Thailand "adds economic, social and political burdens which are not completely offset even by assistance from the U.N. High Commission for refugees and other sources."

He added that Malaysia offered asylum but could not continue it indefinitely "without adequate assurances that the refugees will be moved on for permanent resettlement."

WASHINGTON: Gen. Sam S. Walker, the U.S. Army's youngest four-star general who was reportedly caught in the middle of high-level Pentagon politics, is retiring, the Pentagon said Tuesday. A brief announcement gave no reason, and the general has refused to discuss the matter.

Tass news office in San Francisco reported 'at peril'

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16 (AP) — The U.S. State Department has warned the Soviet Union that its Tass news agency office here is "at peril" and "suggested it would be a good idea" to close it, according to the "San Francisco Examiner."

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter was quoted on Tuesday as saying the warning was issued in response to Soviet treatment of American correspondents in Russia.

A State Department spokesman in Washington, who asked not to be identified, said he knew nothing about the story.

The newspaper reported the State Department said its warning was something less than an explicit order to close the two-man bureau, but the Soviets nonetheless appear to be disregarding what Carter called "a fairly unsubtle warning."

The Soviets maintain three Tass bureaus in this country—in New York, Washington and San Francisco.

The "Examiner" quoted Carter as saying, "we have suggested that one (in San Francisco) was at peril." The paper reported that Carter said the action was contemplated to protest both the closing of a United Press International (UPI) office in Leningrad and the conviction last month of Craig

Whitney of the "New York Times" and Harold Piper of the "Baltimore Sun" of slandering the Soviet state committee on radio and television.

They had quoted friends, a Soviet dissident as saying the doubted the truth of a television confession. At their trial, the dissident said the confession was accurate.

UPI voluntarily withdrew a correspondent from Leningrad but Carter was quoted as saying the news agency did so only after it was "fairly well harassed."

The newsmen were ordered to print retractions and pay legal fees. They have paid the court costs, but have refused to print the retractions despite the passing of the deadline.

The reporters were fined 5 rubles (\$73) each for missing one deadline, but the authorities have remained silent about the passage of the second last week. "I don't think anything else is going to happen," Piper said in a telephone interview. "They've made their point."

Paris open on sale to Moscow

PARIS, Aug. 16 (AP) — French officials Wednesday left open the possibility of the sale of a computer to the Soviet news agency, Tass, despite a U.S. request for a Western embargo on such a sale.

The Foreign Ministry confirmed receipt of the U.S. request not to sell a computer of the type blocked by Washington as a reprisal for the jailing of dissidents Anatoli Shcharansky and Alexandre Ginzburg.

An official said: "Generally, French practice is not to subordinate the sale of civilian industrial material to political considerations."

Asked if the Soviets had already asked France about the possible purchase of such a computer, he said the French companies "are in constant contact with the Soviet authorities for the supply of different material."

In Washington, officials said Tuesday they had received a formal response to the request made to France, West Germany, Great Britain, or Japan—the four countries asked for cooperation.

Tass had planned to buy the \$5 million computer from Univac-Sperry Rand for use during the 1980 Olympics.

The Soviets, in response to the White House veto, said they could find "more reliable trading partners."

Terrorist suspect seeking U.S. asylum

BURLINGTON, Vermont, Aug. 16 — Suspected West German terrorist Kristina Berster is seeking asylum in the United States, the country that is holding her prisoner, her lawyer said.

Miss Berster, 28, pleaded innocent Tuesday to an eight-count indictment charging her with violating U.S. passport laws and conspiring with others to enter the country illegally.

Officials said the indictment, which added the conspiracy charge, superseded an indictment issued last month. She pleaded innocent to charges contained in the latter indictment two weeks ago.

Miss Berster was arrested in Alburg on July 16 after authorities said she walked across the Canadian border. She is being held in an Albany, New York, jail for lack of \$100,000 bail.

She is wanted in West Germany on several charges, including membership of a criminal gang. At the time of her arrest, the FBI said she was a suspected member of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist group.

After Tuesday's court appearance, Dennis Schlenker, her Albany lawyer, said Miss Berster's life would be "in serious danger" if she were returned to West Germany to face

charges. He said an application would be filed with U.S. immigration officials within a week, requesting political asylum for Miss Berster.

"She seeks salvation in this country," Schlenker said. Burlington attorney William Kittell said defense lawyers have had little success raising the bail, but U.S. district judge Albert Coffrin Tuesday refused to lower it.

Last week's indictment also charged three U.S. citizens with aiding and abetting her alleged illegal entry.

Michael Diterlizzi, 22, a U.S. citizen living in Montreal, pleaded innocent last week to five counts, and Maria Amendola, 30, of New York City, pleaded innocent to one count.

Ray Kajmir, 33, also of New York City, entered innocent pleas Tuesday to five counts of aiding and abetting Miss Berster.

Kajmir said he came to the United States from Iran in 1963. He told reporters he has committed no crime. "I am a businessman and a family man," he said. "I am not a terrorist. My conduct has been based upon human principles of the highest order — to help and protect another human being."

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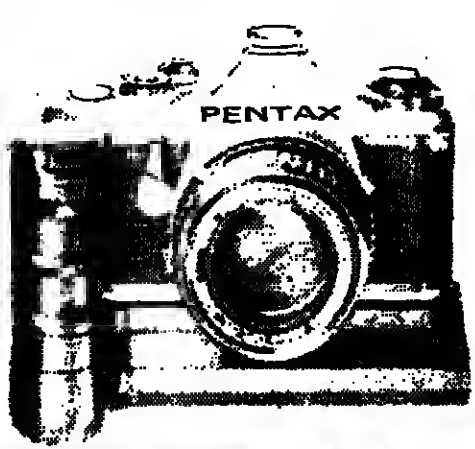
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Oil output to double non-OPEC nations'

INGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) — Petroleum production in non-OPEC countries is expected to double in seven years and could more than double in 10 years, the World Bank said in a report.

The first annual world development report, the international institution predicted an increase in oil production from 3.7 million barrels

to 8.3 million barrels a day by 1985 in the developing countries which have the resources.

"The increase in oil prices has provided a great incentive for new exploration and development of indigenous fuel resources in developing countries," the report said. It added that industrialization is certain to increase energy consumption within those nations themselves.

Large increases in petroleum

production in countries that do not belong to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are expected. This includes Brazil, Egypt, India and Mexico, the bank said, with "smaller but significant" increases in such countries as Angola, Congo, Malaysia, Pakistan and Zaire.

In addition, "the potential for an increase in natural gas production is widespread and important," especially in Indonesia, Mexico and South Asia, it added.

Cost of transporting oil from M.E. said increasing

YORK, Aug. 16 (R) — The cost of transporting oil from the Middle East has surged in the past month as U.S. oil companies seek space to get in a possible oil price later in the year, shipping sources reported.

Said shipping rates now at \$5.86 per tonne compared to \$3.26 last

month. This works out at about \$650,000 extra for a giant tanker cargo moving from Kuwait to the Caribbean, the sources told Reuters.

Shipping brokers said market talk was centered on the likelihood that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would respond to the weakness of the

dollar with an oil price increase either on Oct. 1 or Jan. 1 next year.

As a result, there was a recent trend among U.S. and Western oil companies to book several huge tankers carrying between 220,000 and 270,000 tonnes of oil from the Middle East for two consecutive voyages each beginning in September.

U.S. sells 10 tons of gold

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) — The U.S. Treasury sold about 10 tons of gold Tuesday at an average price of \$213.53 per ounce, the highest price ever paid at a United States gold auction.

As the government auctioned its gold, the dollar continued losing ground against other foreign currencies in worldwide trading.

The treasury began a series of six auctions in May to show it was serious in reducing the U.S. trade deficit and to move to eliminate the international monetary role of gold.

The trade deficit has been the biggest contributor to the dollar's problems around the world. While gold sales would be expected to reduce gold prices, the prices paid at the auctions have continued rising. Gold prices, when measured in dollars, usually rise when the dollar's value is falling.

At its first gold auction in December, 1974, gold was sold at \$165 per ounce. In previous sales this year the gold price was \$180.38 on May 24, \$187.96 on June 20 and \$185.16 a month ago. Auctions are also scheduled in September and October.

In the auction Tuesday, the treasury collected \$64.1 million. There were 12 successful bidders out of 50 eligible bids. Prices ranged from \$213.23 to \$216.17 per ounce.

Most of the gold was purchased by the Dresdner Bank of Frankfurt, West Germany, which bid for 224,000 ounces.

U.S. wheat growers asked to cut acreage

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) — American wheat growers were asked by the government Tuesday to idle one acre for every five they plant. It was the second consecutive year for the program aimed at boosting wheat prices and working off surpluses.

Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said that the continued "20 per cent set-aside" should keep supplies from increasing through mid-1980 but not aggravate food-price inflation.

Wheat farmers will begin sowing two-thirds of their crop next month for harvest in the spring.

U.S. food prices were rising at an annual rate of 18 per cent in the first five months of this year. Prices for cereals and bakery products rose at an annual rate of 11 per cent.

Farmers must cooperate with the acreage-reduction plans if they want to borrow from the Agriculture Department at the support price of \$2.35 a bushel, using the crop as security.

If they don't comply, they also are ineligible for direct payments of the difference between a target price of \$3.40 a bushel and the average market price.

This year, farmers growing 75 to 80 per cent of the wheat have cooperated with the program, leading to a drop from 2.03 billion bushels last year to about 1.82 billion this season.

Howard W. Hjort, chief department economist, forecast that at least as many growers would cooperate again and grow 1.81 billion bushels.

In another development, the House of Representatives Agriculture Committee by a vote of 25-16 approved a measure Tuesday establishing a special 110 million bushel U.S. wheat reserve to combat famine in developing countries.

The reserve could be tapped only if supplies were scarce or wheat sold under regular commercial terms or under easy-credit government financing.

The Carter administration sought legislation for a stockpile twice that size that could also be used to help keep world wheat prices within a range still to be set by international agreement.

Benin to get \$4.6 million

KHARTOUM, Aug. 16 (AP) — The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa signed a \$4.6 million loan agreement with the government of Benin for the financing of the Cotonou port expansion project.

The project is of paramount importance not only to Benin, but also to neighbouring

World Bank reports Developing countries fail to raise living standards

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) — Developing countries have failed to raise the living standards of their poorest citizens in the past 2½ decades and will face greater difficulty in trying to build their economies in the future, the World Bank said in a report issued on Tuesday.

The first annual world development report by the international lending institution proved to be a gloomy prospectus for the developing nations, saying that unless they obtain more foreign capital and resist protectionist trends they will be unable to maintain even present rates of progress.

Even with relatively favorable assumptions about progress, the study said, "Absolute poverty will remain a problem of enormous dimensions" throughout the rest of the 20th century.

The report says that because developing nations are heavily dependent on economic aid and export markets provided by the wealthier industrialized countries, "the importance of links between them should be recognized."

Statistically, the World Bank report lists in the category of developing nations 34 "low income" countries where the annual income is less than \$250 per person per year and 58 "middle income" countries where the income is above that level.

It also lists 19 "industrial" nations, three, "capital surplus oil exporters," and 11 with "centrally planned economies."

Overall, the report says the developing countries have grown "impressively" over the past 25 years with per capita income increasing from about 2 per cent annually in the 1950s to 3.5 per cent in the 1960s. It said that compares "extremely favorably" with growth rates in developed countries, where personal income grew by less than 2 per cent in most cases.

However, it said growth rates have been generally less in the low income countries of Asia and Africa "where a majority of the world's poor live."

Calling export markets the key to economic progress for developing countries, the report warned that protectionism and import quotas on many goods raise conditions that are "noticeably adverse" for the economic future of those countries.

"The prospects for the growth from the recent average export earnings now appear much less favorable for the next decade than for the last two," the World Bank said.

The poorest nations, where three fourths of the people are dependent on agriculture, possibly could double their rate of agricultural and economic growth from the recent average of 3 per cent per year to 5 per cent, the report said. But it said this would demand "strenuous efforts" to reorient economic policy and obtain more foreign capital.

In a foreword to the report, World Bank President Robert S. McNamara, of the United States, describes "absolute poverty" as "a condition of life so characterized by malnutrition, illiteracy, disease, squalid surroundings, high infant mortality and low life expectancy as to be beneath any reasonable definition of human decency."

The report says some 800 million people now live under such circumstances and predicts that by year 2000, at least 600 million people will still be without minimum food, housing, sanitation, jobs, health care, education or safe drinking water.

World Bank officials conceded that in view of their own

projection that the world's population will increase from its present 4 billion to about 5.9 billion by the year 2000, those figures are optimistic rather than pessimistic.

However, they called the 600 million figure "marginal — the best you can get," and pointed out that the report says there is no prospect for reducing poverty below that level unless the industrialized nations step up aid to underdeveloped areas and keep their own markets open to imports from the poorer nations.

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Swiss F (100)	213.00	211.75
French F (100)	80.00	80.00
Italian Lira (1000)	4.07	4.07
Lebanese Lira (100)	117.00	116.50
Syrian Lira (100)	83.50	86.75
Egyptian Pound	4.95	4.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.55	12.47
Jordanian Dinar	11.40	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	87.00	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	87.00	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	8.70	8.75
Iraqi Dinar	10.50	—
Iranian Riyal (100)	48.25	48.00
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.50	74.25
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The oil of Iraq

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BAGHDAD—For years, everyone has known that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran were sitting atop vast pools of oil. Now, international petroleum experts say Iraq has more than 100 billion barrels of proven and probable oil reserves—at least three times the amount publicly attributed to it by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Some of the smartest Middle East oil analysts are suggesting that Iraq's reserves may run as high as 130 billion barrels—a staggering total that approaches the 150-billion-barrel reserves of Saudi Arabia. Iraq's huge untapped oil reserves hold enormous implications for the oil-dependent West. Driven by its ambitious development plans, Iraq inevitably will move to increase oil production in the years ahead.

Why has it taken the world so long to realize that Iraq's oil reserves are considerably larger than those of Kuwait or Iran and may even rival those of Saudi Arabia?

One of the last two barrels produced in the world must come from Iraq," Baghdad also blames the Western oil companies—which operated Iraq's petroleum fields until they were nationalized in 1972—for the failure to discover the size of Iraq's reserves much earlier.

The companies did nothing to evaluate Iraq's potential, declares Dr. Fadhi Chalabi, a former Iraqi official who played a key role in the nationalization.

Chalabi, who is now with the secretariat of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna, suggests that the major oil companies saw little advantage in searching for additional oil in Iraq when it only would cut into their lucrative profits elsewhere.

There always was too much oil available, so the majors wouldn't explore," concedes an American diplomat. "That was the source of the problem with Iraq."

Another factor that has added to the tendency to discount the importance of Iraq is the fact that Baghdad has opted for a relatively low level of petroleum production.

While Iran, with much smaller reserves, is pumping more than 5.5 million barrels of oil a day, Iraq is currently pumping only about 2.4 million.

The explanation lies in a conscious decision by Baghdad

to convert only enough of its petrodollars to finance a stage of Iraq's cautious development program.

"We are against the idea of accumulating a surplus (of petrodollars) because any surplus is subject to collapse," Oil Minister Tayeh Al K.

Increasing Iraqi oil production also would add to the rent world petroleum market, and thus to further depress oil prices. Iraq in recent years has taken a hard line on pricing issues, aligning its OPEC meetings with Al and Libya—the organization's price hawks.

Karim, for example, called for a 23 per cent price increase at the OPEC meeting in Casablanca last December, even though world market conditions called for a price freeze virtually in place.

For all their raise-the-price rhetoric, the Iraqis play a very independent game, some say very pragmatic. Iraq, for instance, was only Arab country that did go along with the 1973 oil embargo against the industrialized West.

Baghdad claims it decided to honor the embargo because the ban was not waged solely against the United States and Holland—Iraq's closest supporters.—(WP)



"It's nobody's business if I wanna bust my own toys."

MANDATORY REPOSE

The Lebanese crisis has been put on ice once more with the freezing of any serious work over the Beirut truce and the army units in the South. Solution or explosion will await the result of the Camp David summit conference starting Sept. 5.

Until then, the mandatory fighters' repose will be devoted to the work to extend the mandate of the Arab Deterrent Force six more months and the U.N. troops three months. The overall picture is still hazy but the contours should become more pronounced soon. President Sarkis has already received a report from his Prime Minister, Dr. Hoss, on his talks with President Assad and other Syrian leaders and another report from Ambassador Ghassan Tueni on his contacts with Washington officials and at the U.N. headquarters in New York.

Information available indicates that the Damascus visit by Dr. Hoss has yielded positive results with regards to the future Syrian role in the region and the implementation of existing security arrangements as first agreed by Presidents Assad and Sarkis in Latakia and later followed up in Beirut by Deputy Premier Abdul Halim Khaddam. The South Lebanon problem is less encouraging with the army still unable to take up positions in its original border station because of the opposition of the rightist militias and Israel. The Americans have failed to exert any pressure on Israel to change its position and are now counseling the Lebanese to be patient and not to upset the apple cart before the Camp David summit with the promise that the Lebanese situation will be raised then.

The Lebanese government is clearly disturbed by the American position and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros has criticized the Washington administration openly for failure to stand up to earlier promises of support. But the Lebanese officials' displeasure will not influence events because the Lebanese will have to wait for the Camp David summit as they have little other choice. Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad has already said that if the general Middle East problem is solved then Lebanon's crisis will end but if the bigger problem is complicated then God help Lebanon.

The Lebanese, however, must not commit their fate to a summit in the U.S. They can prepare themselves for the solution that they hope foreign factors will influence. At the moment, there are two legalities in the country: the presidency and the Arab Deterrent Force. For Lebanon's own salvation the two "legalities" must work hand in hand and must be supported by all Lebanese factions. Attacks on the presidency harm the last vestige of constitutional authority in the country.

Parties who attack the deterrent force will do better to show their goodwill by declaring themselves opposed to the partitioning of the country and to any alliance with the Israelis against other Lebanese factions, Syria or any Arab country.

These parties have really no other choice anyway unless they want to bring down the temple over their heads.

Poets and power plants

By James Fenton
LUENBERG, West Germany

East of Luenberg in Lower Saxony, the border between the two Germanys makes a curious squiggle. Inside the squiggle lies Wendland, one of the remotest and most beautiful areas in the Federal Republic.

As soon as one mentions that an area is remote and beautiful, people's ears prick up. Some are interested only in remoteness. Others are keen on the remoteness and the beauty. Poets come into the second category. The nuclear industry comes into the first. Wendland is ideal for the production of poetry. Whether it is similarly suitable as a nuclear site is a matter of intense controversy. The region includes the old river bed of the Elbe. Its hills are formed from the old sand dunes interspersed with onlook lakes.

The landscape is gentle, a mixture of woods and forest interspersed with cornfields, orchards, and villages. The villages have Slavic names, reflecting the Wendish origins of the inhabitants. The architecture in the area is stunning.

The northern border of Wendland is formed by the Elbe, which is also the border at this point between the two Germanys. It is the presence of the barbed wire on the opposite bank of the river which has helped to preserve the remote beauty of the site.

Much of the area is a nature park, so it would be difficult to spoil it for any trivial purpose. On the other hand, if it came to destroying it for an important purpose, the logic of our times allows such a possibility.

Just south of Gorleben there is an improvised adventure playground put up by the environmentalists. The council has taken legal action to have this eyesore removed. The playground is in the middle of the area designated for the nuclear reprocessing plant.

This is the way the logic runs a playground is impossible. A plant the size of de la Hague is possible.

When the Gorleben plan was announced there was an outcry in the area. The farming community is conservative in both senses of the word, and more than 60 farmers were going to lose land under the project. There was also—and it is important to distinguish between the two movements—an outcry among environmentalists through the Federal Republic.

In the recent elections in Lower Saxony, the environmentalists polled 3.9 per cent. In the district around Gorleben the figure was more than 16 per cent. The majority of this vote was taken from the Christian Democrats. The strength of local opposition to the scheme may be higher than this. But it is clear that the local movement is strictly limited to the question: Should this scheme be allowed here? On the other hand, throughout Germany the opposition is saying: Should this be allowed anywhere?

The two movements have worked together with considerable success, but could not prevent the farmers selling their land to the BKA, the consortium which intends to build the plant. The BKA used a carrot

and stick policy, offering favorable terms to farmers if they signed the contracts by a certain date, and threatening compulsory purchase if not.

The vast majority gave in. But two plots were offered to the environmentalists. One farmer gave the local opposition group three days to find almost \$200,000. A lawyer from Hamburg phoned all the writers, intellectuals and sympathizers he could find to raise a loan for a local farmer to buy the land. In three days they raised twice as much as they needed. In the meantime the first offer had fallen through.

A second plot was, however, bought for a similar sum. But it was decided that if this was mortgaged to the farmer, a court might rule that he would never be able to pay off the loan on the basis of the proceeds of forestry. So a further lot of phone calls was made, and those who had loaned the money agreed instead to give it.

Apart from this site, there is the area owned by the local aristocrat, Count von Darnstorf. Happily, this is about half the total area. Happily also the Countess von Darnstorf is a supporter of the environmentalists, while the count has a long record of protecting the character of his property. He is not a member of the local opposition movement, but is refusing to sell the key portion of the site.

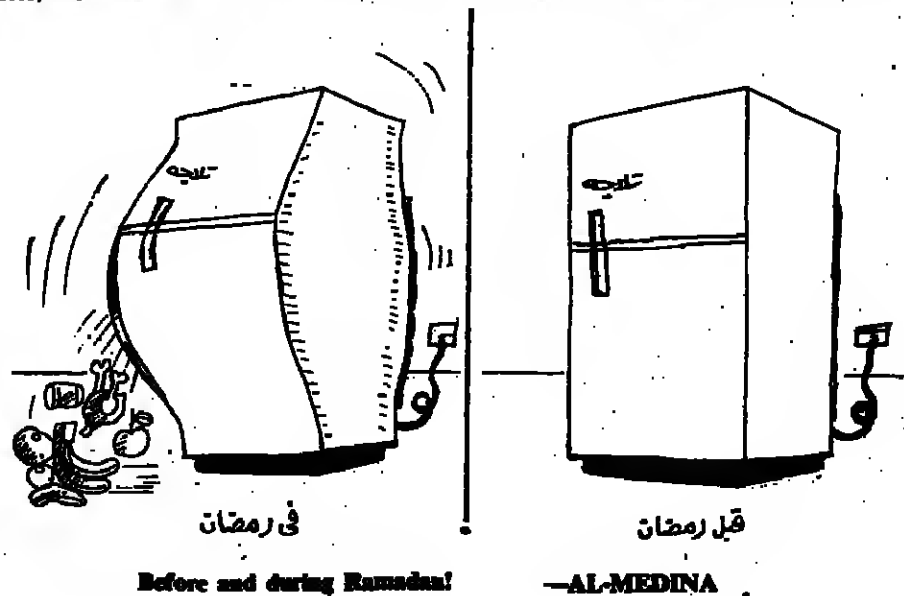
The question will be tested in the court. Under normal conditions forestry has priority over industry in planning. But does forestry have priority over the nuclear industry?—(G)

occupied territories—the meeting arouses our interest and optimism in view of the major role the U.S. has to play considering its commitments and interests in the region. Nevertheless, we feel that the

obstacles which Israel might lay before this conference will force the U.S. to adopt a new method of pressuring Israel to implement previous agreements.

"Any opportunity given to

Israel to continue its maneuvers will mean failure for the conference and the loss of yet another opportunity to solve the Middle East problem in a peaceful manner," the paper said.



A new missile for NATO

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON—Development of a long-range European-theater mobile bal-

istic missile system for use by the United States and its NATO allies has been authorized by House and Senate conferees in the fiscal year 1979 defense authorization bill.

Currently, the Pershing, with a stated range of 640 kilometers, has the longest range of any missile in the NATO arsenal. Deployed with U.S. and West German forces, the Pershing could not reach Soviet soil.

The missile system envisioned by the conferees would have a much greater range and would be able to hit targets in the Soviet Union.

In the late 1950s and the 1960s, Pentagon efforts to develop similar missile systems were halted because, as one former defense department official put it, "our diplomats did not want something on the (European) continent that could strike the Soviet homeland."

Now, however, congressional sources say the proposed system is being pushed to counter the new Soviet intermediate-range SS-20 mobile missile. Deployed in western

Russia, the SS-20 is aimed NATO targets more than 1,100 miles away.

The manner in which House-Senate conferees proposed that the new missile program be financed may reflect inter-service rivalries it existed over control of missile systems.

The conferees took \$1.1 billion from the army's research and development account money requested to conduct development of a Pershing 2 and gave it a \$9.9 million more to the air force.

That \$20 million, the conferees said, was to be used for continued development of the Pershing 2 "and to initiate \$2 million design effort for long-range mobile ballistic nuclear missile."

Neither the White House nor the Defense Department would comment on the conferees' action.

One administration source said an interagency study of such nuclear weapons is under way and will lead to a preliminary decision this fall on what weapons should be developed.—(WP)

saudi press review

In an editorial, "Al-Medina" stressed the significance of "meaningful dialogue" among Arabs to settle disputes and differences.

"While there is no doubt that all the sincere Arab states are keen on restoring Arab rights and holding aloft the banner of the Arab nation, it is painful to see such differences that undermine any constructive action. Saudi Arabia has always sought to remain aloof from squabbles and regional blocs and has worked to end any misunderstanding through quiet dialogue."

The paper said that this policy "has earned great respect for the Kingdom by the world as a whole and has made it more capable of carrying out the noble task of settling Arab differences and bringing brethren together."

"The visiting Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad stressed the 'extremely constructive role of Saudi Arabia' in Arab unity. He has only restated the facts which are well known to the Arabs, the Islamic world and to world public opinion."

The paper added that Saudi Arabia's efforts towards Arab solidarity and coordination "continue unabated in the interest of the Arab nation. It was not long ago when Crown Prince Fahd carried out his mission to Iraq, Syria, Egypt and Jordan; and now the King's personal emissary Prince Turki Al-Faisal is following up the crown prince's visit carrying royal messages to the leaders of those states."

"The Arab League chief was keen to start his current tour with a visit to the Kingdom,

to consult the leaders of this country on how to make his tour successful, after Sudan extended the invitation to host the next Arab League meeting in Khartoum instead of Cairo. The Arabs as a whole are deeply concerned with the present situation and they hope their leaders will respond favorably to the sincere call for Arab solidarity," the paper concluded.

"Al-Bilad" referred to the U.S. Secretary of State's reaffirmation of his country's declaration of certain principles and that Egypt and Israel agree to most of the points contained in these declarations.

"Since the Camp David conference will mainly concentrate on three topics—the future of Palestinians, the secure borders and withdrawal from

السعودية

A qasida to the rugged landscape of the Hejaz Mountains

By Dagmar Mann

IN THE HEJAZ MOUNTAINS, near Al-Hajr — We have criss-crossed these hills for hours now, looking in vain for someone who could tell us where we are. The seldom-used track leads only to some deserted Bedouin camps with colorful rugs in the wait-a-bit bushes.

An Arab poet of bygone times would undoubtedly have come up with a "qasida" now, the formal classical ode. A qasida consists of three parts: the first, nasib, must depict a desert traveller who suddenly comes across a deserted encampment and finds there evidence of his beloved one and her tribe. The second part, also de rigueur, deals with the descriptions of the poet's camel or horse, fair animals who somehow always possess the most incredible beauty, endurance, swiftness and so on, and there are often comparisons with an eagle or other noble beasts.

Only in the third part does the poet break into the subject proper of his poem, be it self-praise, a eulogy of the poet's tribe, satire against rival tribes, a panegyric of a patron or a description of a thunderstorm in the desert.

Ours was a qasida to the Hejaz Mountains. When we left Jeddah, we had no particular destination in mind. We wanted to get an impression of this region of mountains hugging the northern coastal plain of the Red Sea.

In Rabigh, some 150 kilometers north of Jeddah, we turned off the tarmac and followed a weather beaten sign reading "al-Hajr." Though this name didn't figure on the map it sounded somehow promising,

evoking the picture of a mountain village. We wanted to go to the mountains but, as even a highly estimated Land Cruiser has its limits in climbing, we were bound to look for a convenient track. As usually in

the Tihama, as well as in the desert, the track soon split into numerous trails, and we chose one that seemed to lead to a distant cut in the mountains.

Before reaching this point, however, it was high time to look for a camping place, and to collect some firewood before sunset. We found a splendid spot on the foot of a harra where shrubs and acacia grew in soft sand. While looking for wood I mistrustingly eyed holes of different sizes, apparently inhabited, for my love for creatures ends abruptly with those who bite painfully and with possibly lethal consequences. But we weren't molested by either snakes or scorpions.

Next morning, there was a beautiful sunrise, a strong breeze, and sand: sand in the tea, on the bread, in the mouth, nose, eyes, etc., which helped for an easy adieu to this splendid spot.

We rounded hill after hill, passing some palm groves and herds of the inevitable sheep and goats of this region until we came to a deep-cut wadi. The steep border and the amount of huge boulders showed the violence of a soil (torrential flood after rainfall in the desert). A small puddle of water remained, but it was brackish and salty.

While we examined the wadi bed, a slender figure hurried towards us, both Kaffiyah and those fluttering. After greetings, there were the usual curious, friendly questions about destination and residence, and how these verily ununderstandable foreigners could leave beautiful Jeddah and come to this remote place instead. My usual answer is that in the country where I come from, I live in the countryside, too, and that this here (wherever it be for the moment) is a definitely nice spot. (We never fail to part in mutual respect).

Up-wadi two harra flanked our course across rubble and boulders—and then we came out of the wadi, at last with a desperate jump of the good car, and rolled into a gentle, sandy valley. Instead of black harra walls, this one had light granite hills of sometimes bizarre shapes, palm trees, a kind of grass, butterflies, and in between the



golden sand were thousands of miniature flowers.

But now we are passing through barren soil. Even the wells are dry. Once more I considered how, in past times, people had traveled here. If we read nowadays how Prophet Muhammad left Mecca for Medina, we can't imagine the hardship of such a journey until we have experienced ourselves this type of landscape. None of the Hejaz wadis between Wadi Fatima and Badr Hunain, a distance of about 400 kilometers, gets any shadow due to the lowness of the hills and their gentle slopes. Men and animals of the passing caravans travelled under a blazing sun from morning to afternoon.

The old Incense Road from Hadramaut to Petra ran along the Tihama, and this was the normal way for caravans, too. But when the Holy Prophet had to leave Mecca in 622 on the famous Hijra — the emigration to Medina — he was in danger of life. Prophet Muhammad and Abu Bakr, who later became the first caliph after the Holy Prophet's death in 632, were led by a guide through the mountains.

Ibn Isbaq, in his biography entitled "The Life of the Prophet," describes their route, but

apart from Asfan all names have changed beyond recognition.

We finally crossed the western range of hills in the early afternoon and arrived on a plain surrounded by mountains, which, for the first time, deserved this name.

After an amiable chat with a Bedu we headed for Wadi Sitara in the south (which he seemed to know) for from there we knew the way back to Jeddah. Obviously we made for the mountain described and asked two more times for the correct trail. But apart from our first source of information, nobody had ever heard of the wadi.

Anyway, there was no choice: the trail ran roughly westwards and since it was the only one (though apparently no longer in use, we had to follow it).

Gradually the landscape changed. We came again into a hilly region, and, continuing towards the west, we arrived in a wadi where we found people living in funny looking huts which looked as if made of old tins. They are not flat but have acute angled gables, and their shiny outside reflects the sun, rendering the inside relatively cool. We stopped to ask for the way to Sitara, and a

friendly old man explained that the present wadi ran to Rabigh, northwest, while for Sitara we'd have to turn South, climb up that harra, follow the track, and descend to Sitara which was "just beyond that hill". My husband grumbled whether this was a description for goats or for cars, and tried to translate his doubts as politely as possible into Arabic. The old man just smiled and assured us that even pickups could use the track.

Traveller in the Hejaz, mistrust phrases like "just beyond that hill!" We never reached Sitara.

At sunset we happened to find a well, and though it still held some water, there were no fresh signs of sheep or goats. The trails still ran westwards, winding through hills without any vegetation.

From time to time we stopped the car and climbed a hill for reconnaissance. Mounting one of them I discovered that its plain shape was due to miniature splinters of volcanic stone, loosely piled up and thus unable to shape bizarre forms as we had seen with the granite hills before. Looking around, the neighboring knolls also seemed

med drowned in their own debris. Together they formed the remains of a wide volcanic crater.

I was, however, preoccupied with considerations of how to find a way out of this undoubtedly interesting landscape, and finally I noticed a smooth silhouette at the horizon: It was a sand dune, and behind it, just nothing; that is, no more chains of hills but the long expected coastal plain.

Arriving at the dune we saw the reason why the track was deserted: deep sand and more dunes hindered access to the wadi, and for pickups it was impossible to cross. I heard my husband breathe sharply, and then we slid, full throttle, through the sand, and with a bound we finally landed on solid ground. Only then did I heartily agree that it was indeed a most beautiful region we had crossed.

At the sight of the first human being I jumped off the car and inquired where we were. The answer was given almost indignantly: Where? In the Wadi Kullaya, to be sure! So much for Wadi Sitara.

Buttlegging

RALEIGH, North Carolina — Nearly 1.2 billion packs of cigarettes were sold by retailers in North Carolina last year, but only about 740 million of them were inhaled in this tobacco state.

The rest, 38 per cent, were taken to the state by tourists who filled car trunks with cartons by the dozen while passing through the state with the lowest cigarette tax, or by smugglers who hauled cases by the hundreds in huge trucks and made staggering profits. "Buttlegging" is called, and it's big business.

Law enforcement efforts to stop the trade are hampered by the legality of most sales here and to the difficulty of tracing the cigarettes once they get to high-tax states where resale is illegal. (AP)

Vaccine hoped for through breakthroughs in malaria research

By Thomas Lead

GENEVA — The World Health Organization (WHO) is asking the medical profession as well as tourist agencies, airline carriers and the other branches of the leisure industry to alert travellers of the growing risk of malaria.

The increase in international travel has coincided with a dramatic upsurge in this tropical disease, with many unsuspecting travellers from

Europe, North America, Japan and Australia recently falling victims to it. Where a risk of contracting malaria is present, the travel industry and the medical profession should be among the first to advise the tourist, says a WHO spokesman. "Unfortunately," he adds, "such advice is not always given."

The number of malaria cases reported to WHO has more than doubled during the

past five years, and many more cases are assumed. Here to go unreported. In some countries, there has been a 30-to-40-fold increase in the disease. Strains of the malaria parasite resistant to chloroquine drug treatment have been reported from 20 countries; and resistance to the most widely available pesticides by insects carrying the parasite has been observed in 62 of the 107 countries where malaria is present.

About 125 million cases of malaria are reported annually around the world, mainly in tropical Africa. The disease is also widespread in Asia and Latin America. Of all the parasitic diseases, malaria is not only the greatest killer, but also one of the most widespread.

In Africa alone, one million children die from the disease every year. Detection is difficult

because only microscopic examination of blood permits a correct diagnosis since clinical manifestations are similar to those of a number of other diseases.

Hence the importance of a recent triumph by a team of scientists at the University of Hawaii who developed a new, experimental vaccine and managed to immunize monkeys against the deadliest form of human malaria for the first time. Dr. Wasim A. Siddiqui and his associates, working on a U.N. grant, have injected three vaccinated monkeys and two non-vaccinated ones with a malaria parasite. As they had hoped, the vaccinated animals survived and the non-vaccinated ones died with high parasite levels in the blood.

That was only the most spectacular among a series of successful current experiments conducted in many countries

and aimed at the development of a widely available vaccine to be deployed against the disease globally. A spokesman for the research promotion and development section of WHO here estimates that such a vaccine may well become available, at least for clinical trials, perhaps in three years.

The Hawaii triumph was preceded by another research breakthrough at the Rockefeller University in New York in the test-tube cultivation of the blood from the malaria parasite. "These successes," comments a specialist here, "have brought the possibility of a malaria vaccine on big step nearer to reality, although much research still needs to be done to bring this elusive killer under control."

Parasitic diseases pose special difficulties in vaccine development for three reasons: first, the natural immune response of the patient to the parasite is just not understood; second, the parasites seem to have ways of hiding from that

response at vulnerable stages of their life cycle; and third, they cannot, for the most part, be grown through all the stages of their life cycle anywhere but in their natural hosts.

It is the third of these difficulties that has now been overcome with the malaria parasite. Immunologists will thus be able to collect samples of the parasites and develop vaccines against them. But if the scientists' achievements are to be translated into widely applied public health projects, large numbers of research and medical personnel will need to be trained in the countries most affected by the disease.

A Tanzanian delegate told WHO's World Health Assembly here earlier this year: "Malaria daily erodes our economic efforts and kills our children... Do not look at our hospital statistics, the deaths are not there. Most of the child deaths occur in the village, in less than 12 hours, without ever reaching hospital." (OFNS)

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WHERE'S PETER?
OUT TO LUNCH. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
MY GLASSES, THEY EITHER SLIP OFF MY EARS OR FALL OFF MY NOSE.
...GET YOUR GLASSES FIXED P...

SMALL SOCIETY

LIFE SEEMED A LOT SIMPLER WHEN WE WERE YOUNG -
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE WE WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION -

BEEBLE BAILEY

SARGE, YOU KNOW OUR TANK?
YES, I KNOW OUR TANK!
WELL, YOU KNOW THAT NARROW RAVINE WHERE IT'S HARD TO MANEUVER?
YES!!
WELL...DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT, OR HAVE YOU HEARD ENOUGH?

BLONDIE

MR. BEASLEY!!
DAGWOOD FORGOT HIS BRIEFCASE!
WAIT! STOP! HOLD THAT BUS!
I CHASED THAT BUS ALL THIS WAY AND STILL COULDN'T CATCH IT!
IT'S OKAY - ALL IT HAD IN IT WAS A SALAMI SANDWICH - ANYWAY!

HAGAR

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WASHING MY FACE
COULD THERE BE ANOTHER WOMAN?

WIZARD

HELP! THERE'S A WHITE TORNADO IN THE KITCHEN!
YOUR KITCHEN?
YES!
IT WON'T BE WHITE LONG

Dennis the Menace



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

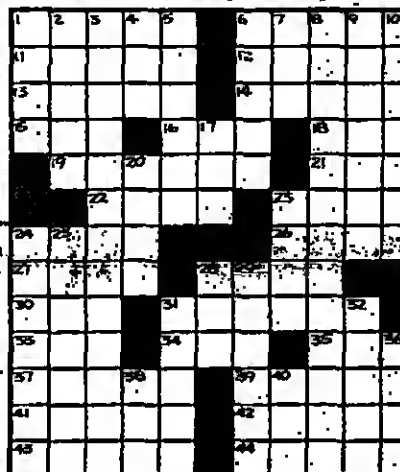
Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ultimate
 - 2 Turkish city
 - 3 Soap plant
 - 4 Forgive
 - 5 Retiree
 - 6 March or
 - 7 Yale building
 - 8 Cain's refuge
 - 9 Camalides
 - 10 Sanskrit school
 - 11 Snapshot, for short
 - 12 First-rate
 - 13 Outsize
 - 14 Dutch assembly
 - 15 Reverberate
 - 16 Iranian head
 - 17 Sank - Marie
 - 18 "A - Line"
 - 19 Gear teeth
 - 20 Waa & caw
 - 21 She
 - 22 Humble
 - 23 Wound up
 - 24 Conversed now
 - 25 Unravel
 - 26 Mountain crest
- DOWN**
- 1 Engage to
 - 2 Perfect
 - 3 "Fame is the -"
 - 4 Black cuckoo
 - 5 Most modern
 - 6 Premise
 - 7 Nocturnal bird
 - 8 Confess
 - 9 Punjabi
 - 10 vania city
 - 11 Frodded
 - 12 MGM's lion
 - 13 Averse to bribes
 - 14 Greek island
 - 15 Thallian city
 - 16 "Brown Ale"
 - 17 Shinto temple
 - 18 Then's partner
 - 19 Averse to bribes
 - 20 Greek island
 - 21 Screening device
 - 22 Elysium
 - 23 Immovable
 - 24 Then's partner



Yesterday's Answer



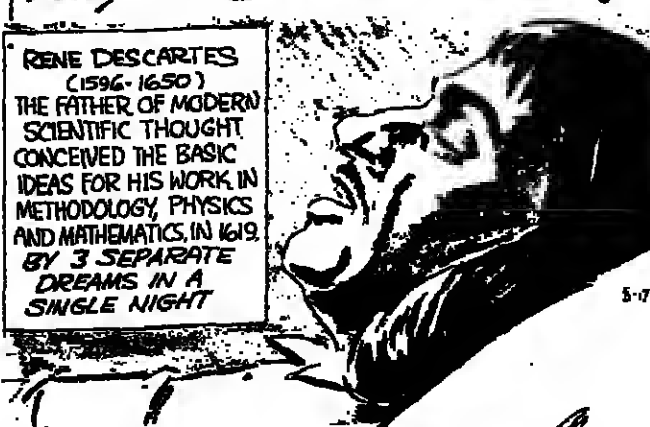
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A K E
L O N G E Y E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

YEUSTZA WM H FUAHS OAXAWC-
AU. MKA MANNM CAUR OAHU
SKA SKWZFM MKA MAALM SE
FWCA TM. - CWXKAZB CEWSTUA
Yesterday's Cryptquote: ANTS ARE GOOD CITIZENS; THEY PLACE GROUP INTEREST FIRST. - CLARENCE DAY

Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Once in a Lifetime

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

4Q22

7765

4332

6532

WEST

41885

92183

397

4J186

EAST

4754

9842

0685

4Q97

SOUTH

4AKJ

4AKJ

4AKQ10

4AK4

The bidding:

South West North East

5NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead - ten of spades.

We all indulge in fantasy, so

let's imagine you're the dealer

and open the bidding with six

notrump. West leads a spade

and the question is how to play

the hand so as to have the best

chance for the slam. Remember,

you don't see the East-West

cards and, in fact, they could

theoretically be divided in

millions of different ways.

The best method of play is to

start by winning the spade

lead with the king and playing

the four of clubs! One of your

main hopes is to find the clubs

divided 3-3, and the safest way of probing this possibility is by leading low. If you started out by playing the A-K of clubs and found the suit divided 4-2, your pipe dream would quickly come to an end.

Let's say West wins the club and returns the nine of spades. Win with the ace and cash the A-K of clubs. If both defenders follow suit, dummy's six of clubs becomes a trick and you're within inches of making the contract. Cash the A-K-Q of diamonds and, if the jack falls, the slam is in the bag. You later discard your jack of hearts on dummy's six of clubs.

If the jack does not fall on your A-K-Q, you plan to rely on a heart finesse - after discarding your diamond ten on dummy's club winner.

If the clubs are not divided 3-3, you still have a chance, though not a good one. Cash the A-K-Q of diamonds and, if the jack falls, the slam is in the bag. You later discard your jack of hearts on dummy's six of clubs.

That's really all there is to the play; here's hoping you get lots of 36-point hands that provide you with such luxurious headaches. Don't worry too much about them, though; the odds against being dealt 32 high-card points are six million to 1!

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER		S	
THURSDAY			
Moscow	4:45	6:05	12:5
Medina	4:39	5:58	12:34
Nejd	4:11	5:36	12:04

DHAHRAN TV	
5:30 Childrens Show	Mr. Rogers No. 1224. Zoom No. 432
5:00 Man from Atlantis	IMP
5:49 Jokers Wild	No. 493
6:08 Welcome BK. Kotter	No. 208 Checkin Ala Kotter
6:33 Harry O	Mysterious Case
7:24 Health Education	Do it for them Mother
7:25 Baratta	Playin police
8:25 Second run Theater	Luv

WEATHER	
Forecast for the next 24 hours: A concentration of rain clouds may cause thundershowers over the southwestern region and parts of the western region. The rest of the country will have usual summer weather, with surface winds blowing mostly northerly to northwesterly at light moderate speed. Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the territorial waters.	
Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)	
Moscow	43 32
Jeddah	38 26
Riyadh	42 26
Dhahran	45 25
Medina	38 23
Taif	32 21
Tabuk	35 20
Arar	39 21
Yanbu	33 27
Ahha	27 17

SAUDI RADIO

THURSDAY	
Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Reflections on Fasting
1:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
1:15 S.A. - Historical Notes	10:15 NEWS
1:30 On the Record	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:00 Your Choice	10:30 Music Worldwide
2:30 On Islam	11:00 Champions of Solidarity
2:40 Islam The Divine Truth	11:10 Press Review
2:50 Reflections on Fasting	11:15 The Sixties
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Reports: Actualities:	America; Science;
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News Summary	11:30 Music USA:
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Making of a Nation	
News Summary	
9:30 Music USA:	
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7:00 World News	4:40 Look Ahead
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Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake

FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

LIBRA

(Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) ♎

Stellar influences excellent!

If projects seem to have been going awry recently, now's the time to try again. Imagination and ingenuity stimulated.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 to Nov. 22) ♏

No opportunities indicated in many fields - but especially where monetary interests are concerned. A splendid time for consolidating your position in this respect.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) ♐

Don't discuss financial or domestic problems with friends or associates. Some situations are best kept "in the family" - especially now.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) ♑

Indifference could spoil what should otherwise be a good day. Good opportunities available, but you'll have to seek them out. They won't be left on your doorstep.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) ♒

With your keenness for detecting flaws and your good humor, you can solve practically all of the "little" quandaries waiting to trip the unwary.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) ♓

Planetary influences encourage both long-pending and new ventures. Your innate intuition and foresight should be especially keen now.

Japinista

Florida swimmers defeated

MIAMI, Florida, Aug. 16 (AP) — The two swimmers medaled at the 1978 Pan American Games in Mexico City were one of the most dramatic moments in the history of the sport.

Stella Taylor, 49, of the United States, and Diana Nyad, 28, of the United States, were the only women to complete the 103-kilometer swim from Florida to Cuba.

Nyad, who first attempted the swim in 1975, was the first woman to complete the swim. She was 32 hours and more than 160 kilometers from her starting point.

Nyad had said frankly all along that she was swimming for money. She retained an agent, sold rights to news organizations and signed sponsorship deals with makers of toothpaste and bottled water.

Her entourage at sea included trainers, navigators, a helicopter supply service and a \$55,000 shark cage, built as part of a \$134,000 budget.

"This swim could set up my whole future," she said before starting.

Miss Taylor emerged from obscurity. She had solid credentials in marathon swimming, including two successful

swims across the English Channel, but she received only sparse publicity before the swim. She had a pair of support boats and two men on paddleboards to shoot away sharks.

Both women swam more than 96 kilometers, the distance Nyad said is recognized by marathon swimmers as the record. But whether either set a record is unclear. Nyad said she followed the rules of the International Marathon Association. But, she said, she was not in a marathon race, therefore, no record.

Taylor was not in a race either and got out of the water three times when the shark menaced her.

Dick Mullins, spokesman of the Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, was asked about records. "As far as this swim being recognized, who can say?" he said. "It will be a public opinion type of thing."

Nyad, coming ashore at Key West, said simply, "I don't think there is another swimmer alive who has done what I've done today."

Weather conditions were described as perfect for the crossing. A torn shoulder muscle forced one of 10 swimmers entered in the race to withdraw Tuesday. Ahmad Amin Youssef of Egypt, 22, injured his shoulder last month in a race at La Tuque, Quebec, and said it was still too weak to allow him to compete.

Supervised and conducted by the Canadian National Exhibition, the first prize for the swim is \$25,000.

Second prize is \$10,000 and all swimmers who finish get \$500.

The record for the crossing, 15 hours and 18 minutes, was set in 1974 by Canadian swimmer Cindy Nicholas.

The swimmers include three Canadians, three Americans, a Mexican, an Argentinian and an Egyptian.

Claudio Pili, 23, is national professional champion of Argentina; Magdy Mansour, 32, is national champion of Egypt; and Raul Villagomez, 28, is national professional marathon champion of Mexico.

Marathon swim race begins in Lake Ontario

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Canada, Aug. 16 (AP) — A large crowd was on hand early Wednesday when nine marathon swimmers, including an Egyptian national champion, set off at 2 a.m. (0800 GMT) for a 51-kilometer swim across Lake Ontario to Toronto.

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Paper claims IOC will accept L.A. games plan

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16 (AP) — International Olympic Committee negotiators have agreed to free Los Angeles from financial liability for the 1984 summer games, the "Los

Angeles Times" said Wednesday.

The newspaper said that F. Don Miller, executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, and John C. Argue, leader of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, reported the breakthrough. However, contract language must be approved before the agreement is released publicly, the Times said.

The IOC has declined to comment on the report. In New York City, IOC attorney Richard Greene said he had been instructed by the organization's president and executive director to make no statements on the negotiations.

The IOC executive board is to meet Aug. 29-31 in Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss the games.

Korchnoi and Karpov show; drawn again

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines, Aug. 16 (AP) — Despite confusion over who offered it, champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi agreed Wednesday to a draw without resuming play in the adjourned 12th game of the World Chess Championship.

Florencio Campomanes, chief organizer of the \$550,000 series announced the draw just after noon, almost five hours before the players were scheduled to resume play.

The confusion was sparked by Korchnoi's denial that he had offered a draw Tuesday night, after Karpov had left the stage apparently expecting Korchnoi to seal his 44th move for adjournment.

Lothar Schmid, the West German chief arbiter, had said that Korchnoi had offered the draw but then went ahead and sealed his move, took to king's rook 1.

Asked by reporters Wednesday about Schmid's statement, Korchnoi denied the offer. "Probably he misunderstood me," the 47-year-old challenger said.

In fact, Korchnoi said, Karpov offered him a draw after asking his 43rd move, but he rejected the offer unless it was relayed through Schmid.

Korchnoi declared before the 10th game he had "cut off friendly communications" with the champion and asked Schmid to require that draws be offered through him. The 27-year-old title holder insisted that chess tradition be followed and the draw be offered to his opponent.

Korchnoi complained to Schmid Wednesday afternoon about Karpov's stand. Reporters heard the challenger tell the arbiter that if Karpov persisted in making direct offers, "I will abuse him. I won't be sparing with my words and will call him a handit."

"Don't do that," Schmid begged. "If you do, you will be liable for a charge of interference. Keep your sense of humor."

In Cordoba, Spain, Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union beat Spain's Fernando Visier in 38 moves in the opening round of the eighth international "Montilla-Moriles" chess tournament at the nearby town of Montilla Tuesday.

Other results of the opening round were:

Ciocalte of Romania def. Hariver of Canada in 40 moves.

Canadian Open

Gottfried, Dibbs advance

TORONTO, Canada, Aug. 16 (AP) — Second-seeded Brian Gottfried defeated Greg Halder 6-3, 6-1 Tuesday night in the second round of the rain-delayed Canadian Open Tennis tournament.

In an earlier match, top-seeded Eddie Dibbs eliminated Rejean Genois 6-2, 6-4.

The Gottfried-Halder match was delayed more than two hours because of a thunder-shower at the York University Tennis Center.

Halder was serving and leading 3-2 in the first set when the rains came to center court. When the pair returned, Gottfried broke Halder's service, won the next two games at love and allowed the Canadian only five points in the final four games to close out the set.

In the second set, Gottfried rushed the net on almost every point, forcing Halder in-

to long passing shots that rarely found the mark.

The rain forced suspension of three matches—one of them a first-round men's singles match involving Balazs Taroczy of Hungary and Zeljko Franulovic of Yugoslavia. All were due to be concluded Wednesday.

In other late matches, unseeded Ivan Molina upset sixth-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland 6-3, 7-5; fourth-seeded Raul Ramirez of Mexico beat Pat Dupre 7-6, 7-6 and fifth-seeded John Alexander of Australia downed Yannick Noah of France 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

In women's late action, third-seeded Regina Marsikova of Czechoslovakia defeated Nerita Gregory 6-2, 6-2; Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa eliminated Renata Tomanova of Czechoslovakia 2-6, 6-2, 6-0 and Diane Desfor

ousted Helena Anliot of Switzerland 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Earlier, Dibbs had to survive a second-set surge by Genois to beat the upstart Canadian.

Dibbs easily won the first set, using hard passing shots each time the 25-year-old Genois rushed the net. Dibbs led the second set 4-1 when the Canadian began his comeback.

Genois broke Dibbs' service in the sixth game, held service in the seventh and tied the set at 4-4 when he again broke Dibbs in the eighth game.

But Dibbs, the fifth-ranked player in the world, broke the Canadian's service at love in the next game, then held his serve to win the match and advance to the third round of the \$210,000 Grand Prix tournament.

Dibbs currently is in third place in the Grand Prix points race and could overtake leader Bjorn Borg and second-place Jimmy Connors in the standings with a victory here. Both Borg and Connors say they have dropped out of the Grand Prix circuit.

In other first-round matches, seventh-seeded John McEnroe of the United States beat Pat Rodriguez of Chile 7-6, 6-2; eighth-seeded Jose Higueras of Spain beat Roberto Lombardi of Italy 6-3, 6-3; Adriano Panatta of Italy defeated Eric Deblicker of France 6-2, 6-2; Paul Kronk of Australia upended Pat Cornejo of Chile 6-6, 6-3, 6-3; Chris Lewis of New Zealand defeated Robert Bettauer of Canada 6-1, 6-2, and Colin Dibley of Australia beat Alvaro Fillof of Chile 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.

Meanwhile in Stowe, Vermont, second-seeded Harold Solomon jumped to a quick lead in both sets and then held on to defeat Mark Edmondson in opening round play Tuesday in the Stowe Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Solomon took the first four games in each set, but had to scramble to run out the match against the powerful but erratic Australian, 6-4, 6-3.

Dodgers nip Phillies

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (AP) — Dave Lopes doubled and later scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Reggie Smith in the seventh inning as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 Tuesday night.

In other National League games, Dan Driessen's solo home run in the 10th inning gave the Cincinnati Reds a 4-3 victory over Pittsburgh in a game marked by the ejections of Pirate pitcher Bert Blyleven and manager Chuck Tanner.

Ellis Valentine smashed a two-out solo home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Montreal Expos a 4-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

George Hendrick, continuing his hot hitting, led a 17-hit St. Louis attack with a three-run homer and a pair of singles as the Cardinals trounced the Houston Astros 11-5.

Craig Swan and Skip Lockwood combined on a five-hit effort while Steve Henderson and Lee Mazzilli delivered run-scoring hits in the eighth inning to break a 1-1 tie and

give the New York Mets a 3-1 triumph over the San Diego Padres.

Bill Buckner drove in three runs with a single and double and Bobby Murcer and Dave Kingman slugged homers in the sixth inning to power the Chicago Cubs to a 12-8 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

In the American League, Richie Zisk's seventh-inning home run gave the Texas Rangers a 1-0 victory over Chicago, despite the two-hit pitching of the White Sox' Steve Stone.

Don Money's RBI single capped a six-run fourth inning and Jerry Augustine pitched a five-hitter, leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a 9-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in the first game of a double-header. The second game was postponed by rain.

Jose Morales cracked a one-out home run in the eighth inning, boosting the Minnesota Twins to a 9-8 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Third-seeded Tim Lullikson of the United States advanced with a 6-3, 5-3 victory over Australian Dick Crealy.

New York, Boston strong in WTT

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (AP) — Vitas Gerulaitis and Martina Navratilova were the best singles players during the recently concluded World Team Tennis season and Tuesday night they gave every indication that won't change in the playoffs.

Gerulaitis, in his first WTT season, started his singles match with the New York Applepies holding a slim 17-14 lead, but it was no contest after that.

The 24-year-old native New Yorker crushed Mark Cox 6-1 and then combined with Ray Ruffels to defeat Cox and Anaheim player-coach Cliff Drysdale by the same score as New York opened defense of

its WTT title, blasting the Oranges 29-16 in the opening match of a first-round playoff series.

Navratilova posted a pair of victory over Turnbull and Pat time win over New Orleans. The Wimbledon queen defeated Wendy Turnbull 6-4 and teamed with Terry Holladay for a 6-3 victory over Turnhill and Pat Bostrum as the Lobsters took a 1-0 lead in their best-of-three series with the Nets.

In other opening round WTT playoff matches, the Los Angeles Spings defeated the Golden Gaters 29-17 and the San Diego Friars topped the Seattle Cascades 30-22.

Anaheim's Francoise Durr to clinch the Lobsters victory.

and Anand Amritraj edged Billie Jean King and Ray Ruffels to give the Oranges a 7-5 lead. Joanne Russell tied the match 11-11 with a 6-4 victory over Durr. She then teamed with King to defeat Nancy Richey and Kathy Harter 6-3 to give the Apples a lead they widened with Gerulaitis' performance.

Anne Smith and Roy Emerson heat Bostrum and John Lucas 6-4 and Tony Roche edged Andrew Pattison 7-6 for Boston's other set triumphs.

Pattison teamed with Maity Riessen to beat Roche and Emerson 7-5 in men's doubles and send the match into overtime. But Roche held service to clinch the Lobsters victory.



PELE AND FALCAO: Brazilian soccer great Pelé shares a break at his Trenton, N.J. training camp with an admirer from Germany.

Angry end in Colombia soccer game

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug. 16 (UPI) — Soccer officials were still trying to figure out Tuesday who won the Deportivo Cali vs. American soccer match that ended in kicks, curses and bitter controversy.

Deportivo Cali was leading the Sunday match in Cali 2-0 at halftime but referee Octavio Sierra, limping from a kick by a Cali player, called it off and awarded the victory to America by default.

The stated reason: Deportivo Cali had only six players

left after Sierra sent off five for rough play and personal attacks against himself, one less than the minimum required to finish the match.

Colombian soccer officials were studying reports on the match to decide which team was entitled to the victory. Newspapers across the country devoted major space to the conflicting versions of what happened and who was to blame, with general consensus that one of the coun-

try's classic matches had been ruined by the violence. Feeling ran high for the meeting between the traditional western Colombia rivals and Sierra sent off the first Cali player, Argentine Alberto Benitez, in the 13th minute for tripping an opponent while tackling.

The whole Cali team surrounded the referee to protest and Benitez knocked Sierra down with a kick from behind that caught his left ankle.

E. Germans dominate cycling trials

MUNICH, West Germany, Aug. 16 (AP) — East Germans dominated the opening event at the World Cycling Championships Wednesday, posting the three fastest times in eliminations of the individual amateur pursuit.

Detlef Macha led the way with a clocking of 4:36.34 minutes over four kilometers on the wood-surfaced Munich Olympics Velodrome, lapping West German Bruno Hanle and eliminating him from competition.

Macha's time was the fastest ever recorded over the distance from a standing start, but it

does not go down as a world record because marks can be set only when racers are alone on the track. J. Lund of Denmark holds the record of 4:45.25 mins. set in 1972 in Mexico City.

Defending champion Norberto Duersch led the second-best time of 4:40.08, paired against Swiss Robert Dill Bundi who also qualified for the afternoon's round of 16 with a time of 4:40.94.

Third fastest in the starting field of 37 was Uwe Unterwiesing in 4:40.24, the silver medalist behind teammate Duersch at the 1977 champion-

ships in San Cristobal, Venezuela. The finals are Thursday night.

Some 300 cyclists from 33 nations are competing in 12 disciplines during the events in the Bavarian capital. Seven are for amateur men, three for professional men and two for amateur women.

The first title will be decided Wednesday night — the 1,000-meter time trial in which East German defending champion Lothar Thoms is heavily favored.

Other events on the opening day program are preliminaries in women's sprints and amateur men's motor-paced.

Borg buys estate

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 16 (AP) — Triple Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg has bought a "summer paradise" island estate in Sweden from a leading industrialist at a cost of "somewhere near" two million kronor (about \$463,000), a real estate agent said Wednesday.

Agent Bengt Rosenberg said Curt Nicolin, chairman of the Swedish Employers' Federation, sold his summer residence of 180 kilometers south of Stockholm to Borg.

The contract was signed yesterday evening, Rosenberg said.

Newspapers said Borg, currently abroad but acting through representatives, paid two million kronor for the 300,000 square meter estate.

Ali trims and terms Spinks 'ugly'

ER LAKE, Pennsylvania, 16 (AP) — A trim and Muhammad Ali worked out before 200 New York Star and a couple of mobsters Tuesday, then he predicted he would win the world heavyweight championship from Leon Spinks in New Orleans Sept. 15.

That man is too ugly to fight us," the 36-year-old champion said at a news conference in front of his log-cabin headquarters.

Today's training session was special for Ali. He was losing four husbands of children. They had an argument with Spinks several years ago but he failed to

half a year ago when he lost to the former Olympic champion in a shattering upset. Nevertheless, he joked with his guests.

And he said he had boxed 206 rounds in preparation for the return fight and was in as good shape as he had ever been at a similar stage prior to any of his fights.

The former champion was asked how much he felt he had slipped in the 14 years since he was first won the heavyweight crown from Sonny Liston in Miami Beach in 1964.

"On a scale from 1 to 100, I would say I was a 95 against Liston," he said. "Now, I am about 80."

"What about Spinks?" someone asked.

"Thirty-five," Ali said. Members of the Ali entourage — numbering close to 20 — insist that they have never seen Ali work so hard.

N.Y. marathon

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (AP) — A record-breaking 10,000 marathon runners from all over the world will attack the 26-mile race through New York City's five boroughs this fall.

Some 1,000 women will compete in the Oct. 22 run, the largest number ever, and three times as many as last year.

Applications will not be accepted after Aug. 15, said Fred Lebow, president of the New York Road Runners Club, which sponsors the 26-mile marathon.

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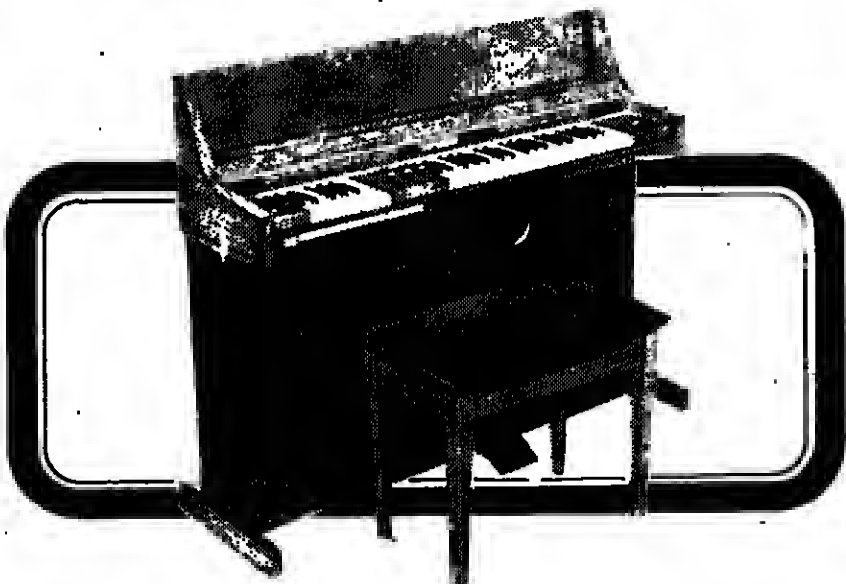
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INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

AMSTERDAM			AMSTERDAM		
Closing Aug. 14	Closing Aug. 14	Price	Closing Aug. 15	Closing Aug. 15	Price
ABN	74.8	77.2	Abnol (F.20)	108.5	108.2
Albani Verre	422.8	494.8	Albani Bank (F.100)	31.5	307.8
ABN	226.5	227.5	ANEB (F.20)	13.0	83.0
ABN	135.8	134.0	Amstelbank (F.20)	92.3	91.0
Bank of Tokyo	296.0	295.0	Bank of Tokyo	78.5	78.5
Bank of Japan	258.0	258.0	Bank of Japan	182.7	182.7
Bank of China	151.1	151.0	Bank of China	17.7	17.7
Bank of India	151.1	151.0	Bank of India	17.7	17.7
Bank of Siam	89.3	81.1	Bank of Siam	16.1	16.1
Bank of Persia	172.2	172.0	Bank of Persia	16.1	16.1
Bank of Egypt	166.2	166.0	Bank of Egypt	13.3	13.3
Bank of Greece	24.8	24.8	Bank of Greece	103.0	103.0
Bank of Portugal	28.4	28.4	Bank of Portugal	27.4	27.4
Bank of Spain	123.2	123.2	Bank of Spain	16.5	16.5
Bank of Italy	28.4	28.4	Bank of Italy	16.5	16.5
Bank of France	28.4	28.4	Bank of France	16.5	16.5
Bank of Belgium	28.4	28.4	Bank of Belgium	16.5	16.5
Bank of Netherlands	28.4	28.4	Bank of Netherlands	16.5	16.5
Bank of Luxembourg	28.4	28.4	Bank of Luxembourg	16.5	16.5
Bank of Monaco	28.4	28.4	Bank of Monaco	16.5	16.5
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LONDON STOCKS

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL			MINING STOCKS		
Stock	August 15	August 15	Stock	August 15	August 15
United Breweries	85½	85½	Tea & Lyle	182	186
Caracas & Wilcox	140	143	Telex Electrical Ind.	387	393
Caracas Steel	355½	357½	Tele. Instruments	397	414
Crown Oil Co.	121½	122½	Turner & Newall	189½	199½
C.I. Crust	123½	124½	UDS Group	102	102
C.I. Ind.	265½	266½	Valmet	574	583
C.I. International	71	71	Valveless	574	568
Com. Int. Ind.	221½	222½	Vickers	189½	184½
Com. Ind.	281	282½	Woodworth F.W. Inc.	71	71
C.P. Industries	325½	327			
C.R.A. Bldg.	129	135½			
C.R. Bldg. Factors	464	462	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	360	370
Crown (John) & Co.	75	77	Amer. Amer. Gold	24	26½
Crown Ind.	59½	60	Anglo-Amer. Ind.	268	268
Eastern Industrial	156½	157½	Barley Rand	268½	261½
Eastern Ind. Ex.	409½	407½	Bygonia-Russia Gold	488	562½
Eastlakes Co.	198	199	Bracken	134	133
Electro Holdings	76	75	Bullfinch	141½	14
Electro Ind.	159½	159½	Charter Casual.	155½	157½
General Electric	234	236½	Chas. Gold Field	200	199½
General Electric	387½	389½	De Beers Con. Mines	451½	462½
General Electric	699½	610½	Doornes	480	510
General Electric	1190	1184	East Devonport	511½	511½
General Electric	1281	1284	Free State Goldst.	561½	561½
General Electric	281	284	Gold Mining	19½	20
General Electric	330	330	Goldfields of S. Afr.	21	21½
General Electric	242	242	Harmony	578	577½
General Electric	281	284	Harries	20	20
General Electric	277½	277½	Johnstons Cons.	17½	18
General Electric	399½	400½	Kloof Gold Mining	82½	84
General Electric	85½	86½	Laurie & Co. (S.A.)	84	88
General Electric	173½	178½	Liberian Gold Mining	795	820
General Electric	277½	277½	Malserv & Resources	198	195½
General Electric	77½	77½	President Brand	145½	145½
General Electric	324½	324½	Robt. Brown	113½	115½
General Electric	362	362	Ross Con. Mines	71½	74
General Electric	372½	375½	Stann. Corp. Platin.	102	105
General Electric	278	285½	Selection Trust	616	616
General Electric	984	972	Selection Holdings	460	470
General Electric	296	296	STTLF	460	420
General Electric	106	106	Tungahang Inc.	183½	180½
General Electric	165½	168	Union Corporation	325	324
General Electric	264	264	Van Renss. Ex. Mng.	223½	223½
General Electric	519½	515½	Walden	482½	472½
General Electric	151½	157½	Western Deep	12	12½
General Electric	48½	48½	Western Deep	12	12½
General Electric	48½	48½	Western Holdings	31	31½
General Electric	574½	574½	Witwaters. Mines	516½	511
General Electric	33½	33	Zandpot	332½	342½
General Electric	433½	438½	Zambia Copper Inv.	17	17

المؤثر المالي الوسيط للأسهم والسندات البريطانية
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY FOR BRITISH SHARES AND BONDS

	August 14	August 14	August 11	August 10	August 9	August 9	A year ago
Governmental Secs.	73.15	73.15	72.28	72.73	73.44	73.25	71.25
Bank Interest	72.89	72.89	72.19	72.79	72.82	72.98	69.88
Industrial Ordinary	511.2	513.5	514.8	514.0	516.2	507.0	479.5
Gold Mines	204.0	206.6	203.0	199.5	208.5	195.7	186.6
Auto, Dir., Veh.	5.28	5.28	5.28	5.28	5.28	5.30	5.12
Consolidated 7 1/8% (1940)*	15.92	15.86	15.47	15.35	15.91	15.18	15.30
U.S. Bonds (1940)	8.34	8.37	8.37	8.32	8.40	8.26	8.45
Equity Securities	5,097	5,084	5,064	5,049	5,091	5,031	5,096
Equity Insurance	69,164	98,78	138,47	188,47	211,49	153,30
Equity Insurance Ind.	17,322	23,854	26,369	25,554	23,568	53,13

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HIGHS AND LOWS				SE ACTIVITY	
1978		Since Compilation		August	August
High	Low	High	Low	11	14

Port. Secs. ...	78.58	68.79	127.4	39.38	5-1/2 Edged ...	238.9	161.5
	(3/7)	(5/6)	(9/13/6)	(13/175)	Industries ...	229.0	288.0
Trans. Ins. ...	81.27	70.73	150.4	59.53	Speculative ...	58.1	60.8
	(9/1)	(6/6)	(23/11/47)	(3/5)	Totals ...	138.0	127.9
Ind. Ord. ...	576.2	433.4	589.2	49.4	5-day Average		
	(9/6)	(2/3)	(12/31/7)	(25/6/48)	GN-Edged ...	150.3	155.1
Gold Mines ...	209.6	136.3	462.3	43.5	Indust. ...	231.5	235.3

(14/8)	(5/1)	(22/5/75)	(26/10/71)	Speculative ..	54.5	59.9
				Total	138.8	141.7

BASE LENDING RATES

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Late News

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Arrives in Bucharest

Hua welcomed by huge crowds

BUCHAREST, Aug. 16 (R) — Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng Wednesday marked an historic phase in Peking's new, outward-looking foreign policy when he arrived in Romania to a rousing welcome from huge crowds.

Hua's visits to Romania, foreign policy maverick of the Soviet bloc countries, and Communist, but non-aligned, Yugoslavia next week mark the first by a Chinese party chairman outside Asia since Mao Tse-tung went to Moscow in 1957.

In a carefully organized welcome, more than 200,000 people turned out to see Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and Hua being driven from the

airport to central Bucharest in an open limousine.

Featured among the crowds who chanted the leaders' names were gymnasts, musicians and many groups in colorful Romanian folk costumes.

During a stop at Scinteia Square, Bucharest Mayor Ion Dinca handed Hua the keys to the city and later Romanian Pioneers (scouts) put a garland of flowers around him at Victory Square.

Hua then entered personally into the festivities when he joined a performance of the "hors", a Romanian ring dance.

The official Romanian press printed identical front-page editorials hailing the five day visit

as being of historic significance in relations between the two countries and their Communist Parties.

Hua's tour, which will also include Iran, puts the spotlight on the independent line which Romania and Yugoslavia take from the Soviet Union.

Both Eastern and Western diplomats said the visit was certain to arouse Moscow's anger and increase Soviet fears that China was trying to encroach on its traditional sphere of influence.

Ceausescu, who has remained strictly neutral during the past 17 years of ideological and border feuding between Moscow and Peking, invited Hua to Romania last May during his visit to Peking.

Ceausescu, who has remained accompanied by senior officials, went into a preliminary round of talks at the presidential palace in central Bucharest several hours after the Chinese leader's arrival.

Diplomats said the timing of Hua's European trip and his choice of countries were likely to prove more significant than his actual talks.

The tour coincides with the 10th anniversary of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia which crushed the short-lived reformist regime of Alexander Dubcek in Prague on Aug. 21, 1968. Romania was the only Warsaw Pact country which refused to assign troops to the invading force.

Hua also arrived in Bucharest shortly after the signing of the Sino-Japanese treaty, which infuriated Moscow because of its phrasing on domination by any power in the Asian region.

Communists may rule Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Aug. 16 (R) — The leader of Iceland's Communist Party, Ludvik Josefsen, Wednesday agreed to try to form a coalition government and end the country's seven-week government crisis.

If he succeeds, it would mark the first time that a Communist-led government has held power in a member country of NATO.

Josefsen was asked to try to form the coalition cabinet by President Kristjan Eldjarn.

He said later he had agreed to try to bring the Social Democrats and the Center Progressive Party into a coalition with the Communists.

The crisis was triggered by his leftist gains in the country's general election on June 25 in which the center-right government suffered heavy losses.

Josefsen's Communists said during the election campaign that they opposed Iceland's membership of NATO and the continued presence of U.S. bases in the country.



RAY TESTIFIES: James Earl Ray testifies before the House committee Wednesday.

Ray declares his innocence of King murder, blames FBI

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (Agencies) — James Earl Ray, convicted in 1969 of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, in his first public testimony on the murder, denied Wednesday that he had killed King and claimed the assassination was an FBI plot.

Speaking 10 years after the murder of the civil rights leader on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, Ray said:

"I did not kill Dr. Martin Luther King."

He told a hushed and heavily guarded meeting of the House of Representatives Assassinations Committee that the killing of King was a conspiracy between the FBI and the Memphis police department.

Flown under close guard into Washington on Monday for his historic appearance, he claimed through his lawyer that he had been beaten up by prison officials since his arrival.

Dressed in a gray check sports coat, slacks, a blue shirt and striped tie, Ray began his statement by saying that three FBI documents "of the greatest importance" had come into the hands of his lawyer only Tuesday.

"My lawyer, Mark Lane, has just examined three FBI documents which provide further evidence of possible FBI-Memphis police complicity in a conspiracy to murder Dr. King," he said.

In his opening remarks Ray said that the statement he was about to make was the evidence he would have given if he had been allowed to testify at his trial in 1969.

Ray then pleaded guilty to the King murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

He later claimed he was innocent and had been coerced into making a guilty plea by his lawyer, noted criminal attorney Percy Foreman.

Ray claimed he had been pressed into making a guilty

plea because Foreman had made a deal with book publishers to publish his life story.

"In respect of the guilty plea I made in the King case, it is not a difficult matter for an attorney to maneuver his client," he said.

S. African doctor says black may have been hit

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Aug. 16 (R) — A government pathologist acknowledged Wednesday that some injuries suffered by a black suspect who dropped to his death from the fifth floor of security police headquarters could have been inflicted before he fell.

Pathologist Leendert von Ieperin was being cross-examined on the second day of the inquest into the death of 20-year-old Lungile Tabalaza.

According to police, Tabalaza leapt from a fifth floor window while he was being questioned about possible involvement in arson and the use of bombs. He had been arrested for alleged robbery from the driver of a baker's van which was afterwards set alight.

Von Ieperin said in his post mortem report Wednesday that Tabalaza had a compound fracture of the right leg, a fracture and dislocation of the pelvis, a fracture of the right shoulder blade and a skull fracture.

He said the fractures and a number of bruises and lacerations were likely to have been caused by the 19.5 meters fall.

But pressed by Dr. Will Cooper, the senior counsel presenting the Tabalaza family, he said it was impossible to gauge the exact moment when injuries were sustained, including a bruise on the right arm, a laceration below the left arm and a bruise on the left arm and b

Six die in Tanzania air crash

NAIROBI, Aug. 16 (AP) — Six persons, all but one tourist, were reported killed Wednesday after their light aircraft crashed into Mount Kilimanjaro on border of Kenya and Tanzania.

Initial reports by Kenyan officials said that two local couples and a German tourist died with the Kenyan pilot.

The aircraft crashed on Tanzanian side of the border where it apparently went into heavy fog.

The identities of those killed were not immediately available.

U.S. says no to Iran over buying warplane

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP) — President Carter has rejected Iran's request to buy some of the most advanced U.S. electronic warfare equipment designed to blind and destroy enemy radar and anti-aircraft batteries, administration officials said Wednesday.

The issue has divided some of Carter's senior advisers, with State Department and Arms Control Agency officials opposing the sale while the Defense Department favored it.

However, a senior administration official, declining to be identified publicly, said the turnaround is "not necessarily forever."

Iran has been America's biggest arms customer.

Balloonists nearly hit Ireland

BEDFORD, Massachusetts, Aug. 16 (AP) — Three Americans aboard Double Eagle II, the Irish coast Wednesday, just hours from their goal of becoming the first balloonists to cross the Atlantic.

They said they might keep on floating over Europe, "just to see how far they get."

The ground crew said the helium-filled craft, traveling about 25 miles above the water in strong but bitterly cold, 40-knot winds, was expected to pass over Ireland by 2400 GMT.

"That is considered European soil but they would like to bring it to the European mainland," said ground crew member Sue Bernard.

Double Eagle II, trailing a catamaran boat as a gondola, set out late Friday from Presque Isle, Maine. Shortly after 8 a.m. Wednesday, the balloon has eclipsed the record for remaining aloft, 107 1/2 hours set in an attempted Atlantic crossing in 1976.

Carter sends message to Kuwait

KUWAIT, Aug. 16 (AP) — Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah received a message Wednesday from U.S. President Carter, delivered by U.S. Ambassador Frank Maestrome.

The contents were not disclosed, but observers here believe it outlined Carter's latest Middle East peace initiative, including the forthcoming meeting at Camp David with President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin.

Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah reportedly told Maestrome earlier this week that Kuwait was not optimistic about the summit, in view of what Sheikh Sabah described as Israeli intransigence.

From page one

Beirut

manuel Erskine, commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon arrived in the Lebanese capital Wednesday from Israel, and drove immediately to the defense ministry where he met army commander Victor Khoury, Lebanon's U.N. Ambassador Ghassan Tuani, and senior military personnel.

Prime Minister Salim Hoss said the defense ministry discussed the issue of the Lebanese army unit which has been unable to deploy at Tibnine, in South Lebanon, because of the opposition of Israeli-backed rightists.

Dr. Hoss was speaking to reporters after a cabinet meeting which reviewed the result of his 24-hour visit to Damascus, which ended Tuesday.

Former President Camille Chamoun said Wednesday there could be no political solution before the withdrawal

of "all armed forces without exception" from Lebanon.

The rightist leader, who was commenting on the results of Dr. Hoss's visit to Syria, said in a statement quoted by the right-wing Phalangist radio he was opposed to a renewal of the Arab peace force's mandate which expires in October.

"They should withdraw gradually from Lebanese territory to safeguard their prestige, particularly the dignity of the Saudi and Sudanese forces for which we harbor all goodwill, appreciation and gratitude," he added.

The broadcast also quoted Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel as saying the present situation could not continue.

"We are living in a divided homeland and occupied territory with dispersed or displaced people," he said. "Neither is the government able to implement, nor is parliament able to legislate..."

Carter

ings were held Wednesday, or what other administration officials took part.

Granum would not say whether Carter was planning to direct the government to intervene in money markets to support the dollar.

"It's not my attitude that it's none of your business," the spokesman said. "It's a very sensitive issue, and we're just not going to have any more to say about it...this is the only responsible way to deal with it."

Carter's statement came too late to prevent the U.S. currency coming under renewed pressure on world money markets Wednesday.

However, the dollar's performance was an improvement on the record lows it touched around the world Monday and Tuesday.

The exception was Frankfurt where the dollar slipped further against the West German mark, closing at a new postwar low of 1.9370 marks.

Nazer

man of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, Nazer predicted that they "will probably turn out to be the best two cities in the Kingdom." The government, he said, has found itself "under pressure" to allow large international concerns to build in the two planned industrial communities.

For the full text of the interview, see "Ashraq Al-Awwat" and "Saudi Business".

Eritrean

opened. The rebels are fighting for the independence of Eritrea, a former Italian colony annexed to Ethiopia under a United Nations General Assembly resolution in 1950.

On Ethiopia's other war front, Somali guerrillas fighting in the eastern Ogaden region Wednesday reported killing 35 Cuban soldiers and destroying four tanks in an attack on Ethiopian positions near the town of Degahur.

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